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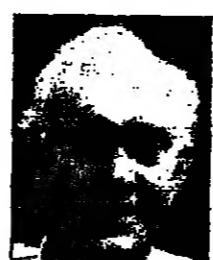
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British Rail axes 5,000 on black day for jobs

■ The recession bit deep into British industry with nearly 10,000 job losses yesterday. Output figures added to the gloom and there were calls for an emergency employment programme

By PATRICIA TEHAN AND JILL SHERMAN

THE axe fell on nearly 10,000 workers yesterday as more firms buckled under the unrelenting pressure of the recession. British Rail stunned its workforce with a surprise announcement that it is to shed 5,000 jobs within four months, and there were further heavy cuts in the finance and construction industry.

The Royal Bank of Scotland is to reduce its staff by 3,500 over the next five years, the finance house Lombard North Central is shedding 400 and Eagle Star insurers are cutting 200 staff. Blue Circle, Britain's biggest cement maker, emphasised the depression in the building industry when it coupled an announcement that it was cutting 550 jobs with a prediction that demand would not return to 1989 levels this century. The excavator company JC Bamford

meeting of the BR Council in London, and union leaders described the decision as a total surprise. The cuts will take the workforce down to 128,000 by the end of the financial year in March and BR gave a warning that there would be further reductions in the next two years.

British Rail blamed "a massive drop in revenue due to the continuing recession" and also the "tight settlement" on the amount of money it would have available over the next three years. In his Autumn Statement last week, Norman Lamont announced a tiny increase in the railways' budget — from £1.36 billion to £1.49 billion next year.

But BR said that income from Network SouthEast and InterCity was expected to be at least £100 million less than forecast, and Trainload Freight had lost income because of the effects of the recession on its main customers. That meant next year's income was likely to be £400 million less than had been forecast.

The job cuts will affect all areas, with half the redundancies hitting clerical, managerial and administrative staff. Most will leave through a voluntary severance scheme, but there will be some compulsory redundancies.

Rail unions blamed the cuts on a slimming-down exercise in the run-up to privatisation. Richard Kosser, general secretary of the Transport Salaried Staffs' Association, said: "The travelling public will be hit just as much as the staff. As well as further reductions in staff, it is clear that the board will be reducing the projected levels of investment in the industry. While customers were facing fare rises of double the inflation rate, there would be cuts in infrastructure, investment that was vital to the railways' long-term future.

Gordon Brown said yesterday's figures proved that the economy was not only still in recession but that the decline was sharpening. "When there are 250,000 jobs still at risk with the construction industry still expecting a further 50,000 jobs to go, the Amstram economy is unravelling more every part of Britain".

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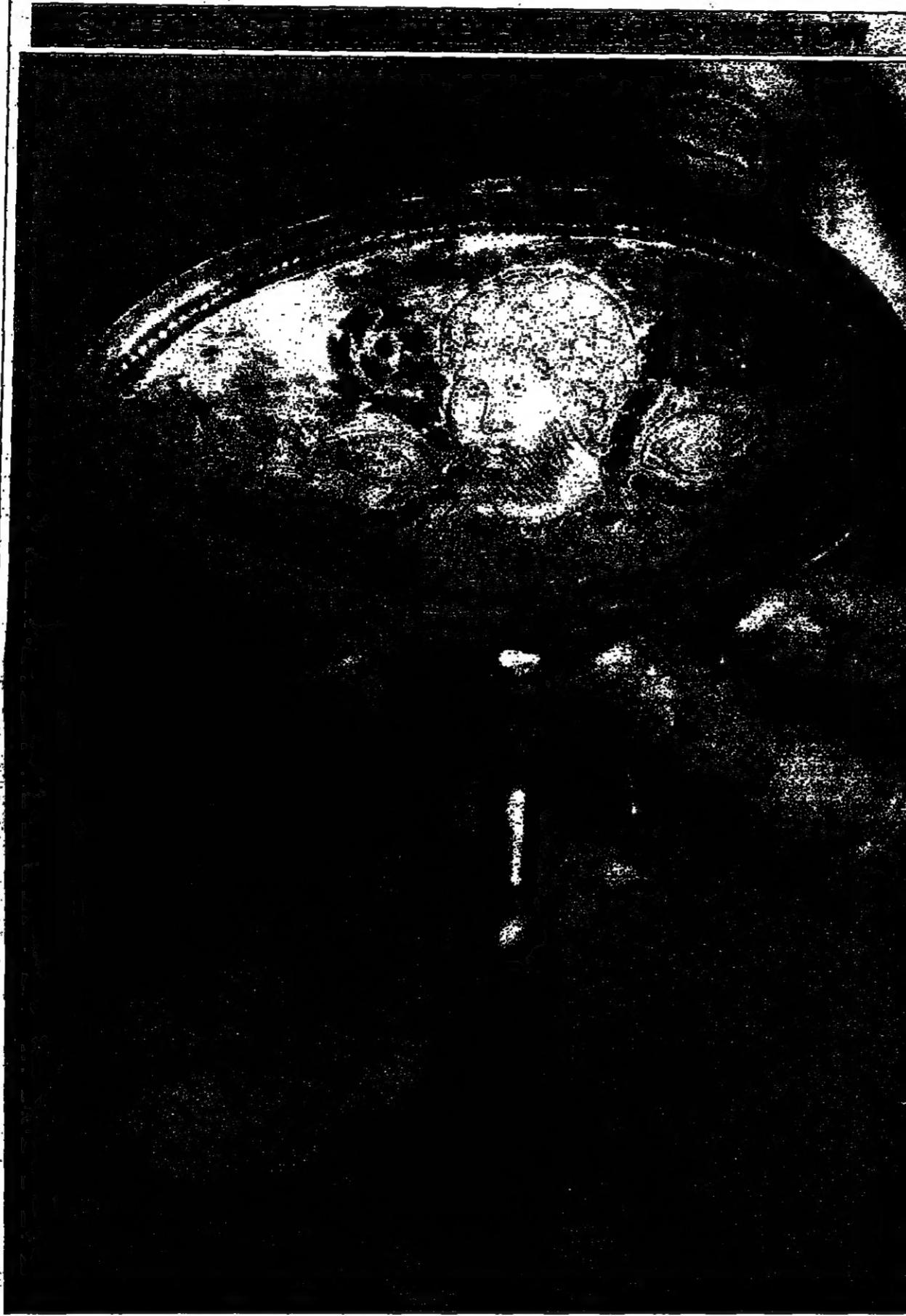
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reinforced that view with a decision to cut 80 jobs.

Unemployment is now almost certain to top three million by the new year, and government figures published yesterday added to the gloom, showing a 0.3 per cent fall in the country's output, excluding oil and gas production, over the past three months. Opposition parties seized on the figures to berate the government and Gordon Brown, the shadow chancellor, called for an emergency jobs programme "to remove the fear of unemployment which is still paralysing the economy in every part of Britain".

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Handle with care: a 4th-century late Roman silver-gilt strainer; its handle bearing a dolphin with garnets for eyes. The strainer, pierced with patterned holes, was part of the spectacular hoard

uncovered by a retired gardener, Eric Lawes, in a Suffolk field. Hailed as one of the most important finds made in Britain, the collection of thousands of gold and silver coins, jewellery, bracelets, spoons and figurines was put on show yesterday by the department of prehistoric and Romano-British antiquities at the British Museum. Full glory, page 9. (Photograph: Simon Walker)

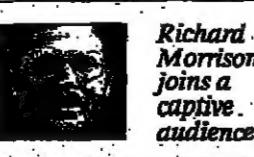
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West Side Inside Story — now on at Her Majesty's Pleasure

THE show is *West Side Story*, the song is "Gee, Officer Krupke"; a brilliant mockery of how authority figures — policeman, judge, psychiatrist, social worker — treat delinquents, in any reasonable production, of the Bernstein/Sondheim musical, it stops the show. But few stagings can have injected quite the sardonic zest that it is getting nightly, this week and next, in H.M. Prison, Wandsworth.

For these Jets and Sharks are convicts. They know a bit more than the average Equity card-holder about falling foul of authority. When they launch into the musical's opening sequence — brawls, tense expletives, a slashing knife — it is like a short fuse to a big explosion.

Pimlico Opera, a five-year-old, professional company specialising in refreshing the parts other opera cannot reach, has worked with prisoners before. Last year's collaboration with lifers in



Richard
Morrison
joins a
captive
audience

while the cast leap around on boards and scaffolding.

When you first arrive, you feel like one of those 18th-century dandies whose idea of amusement was to watch the inmates of Bedlam going about their "wretched" lives.

The prisoners' self-penned biographies in the programme add to the sense of entering a world of grim sardines. Guy

was well received, but *West Side Story* in Wandsworth shortly after appearing at the Old Bailey in 1991. Richard has apparently "done a lot of acting, if you take into consideration the times I was arrested". And Mitchell has "held down a few good jobs on Broadway — Cricklewood Broadway".

The audience responds warmly enough to the contributions of the young professional opera singers in the leading roles. But it is after the prisoners' chorus numbers, vigorously staged by Syd Ralph and backed by a 24-piece band conducted by

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C of E has become a sect, says Leonard

By RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE former Bishop of London, the Right Rev Graham Leonard, who is preparing to lead hundreds of clergy and laity out of the Church of England as a result of the vote to admit women to the priesthood, said last night that the church had become a sect.

In an interview with *The Times*, Sir Graham said he could not remain permanently a member of the Church of England, which had "chosen to disregard the mind of the greater part of Catholic Christendom". He proposes that there should be a special rite (part) of the Catholic Church for former Anglicans.

A leading traditionalist who has been in the vanguard of the opposition to women priests, Sir Graham said the Church of England had become an "inward-looking club" after the General Synod's vote to admit women to the priesthood.

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Hillsborough victim given right to die by High Court

By FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

A LANDMARK High Court ruling yesterday that doctors could disconnect the feeding tube keeping alive Tony Bland, a Hillsborough victim, was greeted with overwhelming relief by the parents of Mr Bland who have sought to let their son die with dignity.

The ruling, which paves the way for doctors lawfully to stop treating patients such as Mr Bland by cutting off their life-support systems, brought differing reactions from the professions and pro-life groups.

As the medical and legal professions endorsed the ruling as humane and right, groups such as Life pledged last night to fight it every step of the way as it goes up to the Court of Appeal and House of Lords. Keith Davies, for Life, said: "We believe this decision is unsafe and we will be using every legal, legitimate and democratic means to oppose it."

As he gave his far-reaching judgment Sir Stephen Brown, president of the family division, said of Mr Bland, 22, whose higher brain functions were destroyed in the football crush at Hillsborough in Sheffield three years ago: "May his soul rest in peace." The judge gave an unprecedented declaration that it would be lawful for doctors to stop feeding Mr Bland and allow him to die "peacefully with the greatest dignity and the least distress".

There was no possibility, he added, that Mr Bland, who has been in what is called a "persistent vegetative state" since the football crush would emerge. To his parents Sir Stephen said, he was dead. "His spirit has left him and all that remains is



Bland: "may his soul rest in peace"

decision should be considered by the Court of Appeal". The hearing is set for November 30.

The Alredale Trust, which made no application in court for the costs of bringing the case, undertook not to discontinue feeding Mr Bland pending the outcome of the appeal.

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Schools, politicians and councils attack errors in national leagues

Major denies exam survey was botched

By JOHN O'LEARY
AND PHILIP WEBSTER

JOHN Major yesterday dismissed charges that publication of the first school examination league tables had been "botched" by the government, as Labour demanded the withdrawal of the results.

More than 30 schools have complained to the education department about inaccuracies in their published results, and one is threatening to sue. However, ministers insisted that the number of mistakes was tiny in a collection of 250,000 statistics.

As Labour reported a flood of complaints from parents, governors, teachers and local education authorities about "disastrous" errors in the tables, the prime minister and John Patten, the education secretary, declared defiantly that even more information would be published next year.

The final shape of the 1993 tables is yet to be determined, but national curriculum test results, attendance rates and data on the destinations of leavers will be included. An assessment of the value added by schools will be included in future years, when the same pupils' results can be compared at different points in their school careers.

Mr Patten reported to the cabinet yesterday on the exam tables, and is to appear before the Commons education committee next week to answer questions on the exercise.

As a political storm erupted yesterday, Mr Patten faced Labour calls to resign. Ann Taylor, the shadow education secretary, said that Labour had been "inundated with people in obvious distress".

The prime minister was challenged in the Commons by John Smith, the Labour leader, who said that the government was "so incompetent it cannot even produce an accurate record of the examination results".

A combative Mr Major said that Labour wanted to cover up the statistics and said: "The education service will never again be able to hide this important information. This is information that legitimately ought to be available to parents, is now available to parents and ought to continue to be available to parents."

The education department is investigating all complaints of inaccuracy before issuing erratum slips for local authority booklets. A spokesman said that at least 20 were found to be unsubstantiated after investigation by PMS Communications, the company that compiled the tables. When given the chance to correct figures before publication, schools had either missed deadlines or failed to provide the required evidence.

The original listings are already on their way to primary schools and public libraries.



Caning for Patten: the general opinion in the Henrietta Barnett School staffroom was critical of the education secretary

Errors in the School Report supplement to yesterday's *Times* will be corrected in tomorrow's paper.

Manchester High School for Girls threatened the government with legal action after its 100 per cent record for pupils scoring five or more top GCSE grades was officially recorded at just 16 per cent.

The Royal Grammar School, Guildford, also missed the opportunity of inclusion in the list of England's best results when its 100 per cent top pass rate appeared as 93 per cent.

Cambridgeshire, which includes John Major's constituency, claimed to have detected 53 errors at first glance. The first pupils at 20 years to gain any GCSEs, or equivalent, at Holyport, Marlow, a special school for children with learning difficulties, near Maidenhead, Berkshire, went unreported because of administrative error.

The Royal Statistical Society said that it was "extremely concerned" and dismissed government policy as flawed.

Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers, said: "This one has blown right up in the government's face."

Stephen Byers, Labour MP for Wallsend, questioned the government's decision to commission two private companies to compile the tables, rather than its in-house experts, the Central Statistical Office Survey Control Unit.

Teachers at top school give Patten poor marks for 'divisive' tables

By TIM JONES

HAMPSTEAD Garden Suburb in north London is where the security alarms on the homes of rich suburbia spring into view once the leaves have fallen from trees protecting well-manicured lawns.

Children who live there, by most definitions, privileged. Many of them attend the Henrietta Barnett School for girls which has a reputation for academic excellence, discipline and achievement.

However, John Patten, the education secretary, would be wrong in assuming a warm welcome awaited him in the staff room.

Teachers there say his departmental staff could not even get their sum right in claiming that only 89 per cent of their pupils aged 15 who sat the exam achieved A-C passes in five or more subjects. The figure should be 96 per cent, they pointed out.

Far from praising his initiative in publishing schools' examination results, most of the staff were dismissive of the whole exercise. Teachers at the voluntary aided school, which only takes in girls who pass an entrance examination, believed the £1.4m estimated to have been spent in publishing three million booklets

■ Even teachers at a London school that achieved excellent results doubt the wisdom of examination leagues. Learning, they say, is far more than just a numbers game

could have been put to better use. There was an overwhelming consensus that the exercise would increase pressure on pupils and staff at "good" schools, create dissent among parents whose children went to "bad" schools while ignoring problems of underfunding and social background.

Wendy Smith, joint head of the sixth form said: "This is an exercise in statistics which must always be regarded with suspicion. Education is far more than a numbers game and must never be reduced to that."

Peter Salisbury, the school's information technology co-ordinator said: "Education is not about figures, it is about helping individuals to their own level of achievement and potential. The whole process of teaching appears to be misunderstood by the government. They appear to ignore the reality that a child, however good the teacher, must be affected by his or her socio-economic background."

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each child was able to have spent on it the amount that government ministers spend in educating their children there would be far less of a problem."

Ines Van Dew Eering, a teacher, said: "The girls who come here are selected so of course their results will be better than those achieved at a comprehensive — you would expect that."

But the publication of these figures seems to indicate that exam success is all that is important.

"Teaching is about helping people fulfil their potential. If a very bright pupil does very well that is fine, but it is to be expected. If a less bright girl does well then she and the teacher have been properly involved in the education process."

Bob Archer, who teaches modern languages, said he used to teach at the Sydney Russell comprehensive school in Barking, where, according to the department, only 9 per

cent of children sitting the exam achieved 5 or more A-C grade level passes.

"It is an insult to suggest the teachers there are any less talented or dedicated than teachers anywhere. The fact is that many of them come from socially deprived backgrounds which places them at a disadvantage. Studying in the only room in a house with lots of other people present and with the television blaring is not a recipe for success."

John Windram, who teaches politics and economics, agreed with the socio-economic argument but said such statistics had a place if they were treated with caution.

"Of course there are wider arguments but the figures could be useful if they encourage parents whose children go to 'sink' schools to put more pressure on headteachers."

"Some heads appear to be very lax in what they expect from their pupils, so if these figures force a school to deliver more through parent pressure they may achieve some good."

Another teacher said: "The whole exercise appears to ignore the fact that this school is already full to bursting. If as a result of this table the parents of 200 children demand they come here where would we put them on the roof?"

Border checks may have to go

By MICHAEL DYNES

THE European Commission is threatening to withhold its blessing for Britain's demand to conduct minimal checks on people crossing its EC internal frontiers after December 31. Officials confirmed yesterday.

This would be a potentially serious setback to Britain's hopes of retaining streamlined border controls at air and sea ports after the planned abolition of the EC's internal frontiers at the end of the year.

Consequently, while most EC countries seem content with the introduction of the open borders regime, Britain could find itself embroiled in a legal dispute with the European Commission over claims that it has failed to honour the

open borders provisions of the Single European Act.

Reports that Martin Bangemann, the EC's internal market commissioner, had accepted a British proposal to resolve the frontiers dispute now appear unfounded. That proposal, known as the Bangemann Wave, merely required visitors to Britain to display, or wave, passports while walking past customs and immigration checks.

Herr Bangemann now says that the idea was never formally adopted by Brussels.

Commission officials now say, however, that frontier formalities must end in January under the act. The new hard line seems to have been inspired by the nine continental

members of the Schengen free travel zone, who object to Britain retaining controls.

Home Office officials say that nothing in the act nor in the Maastricht treaty deprives Britain of its right to conduct checks. They insist that while the components of the EC's new external frontier, including a common visa and asylum policy remain to be agreed, keeping some border controls is essential to fight drug trafficking, terrorism, and illegal immigration.

□ The cost of a passport will rise by £3 to £18 on Sunday, Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, announced yesterday.

The cost of a British visitor's passport will rise £4.50 to £12.

Wandsworth rocks to West Side Story

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Wash Kani, that the place erupts.

Glyndebourne it certainly ain't. Of course, the audience includes prisoners' wives, lovers and mothers. This season's critic would not have minded being detained at Her Majesty's pleasure a little longer in this company.

Are operas in prison a good thing? The psychological effects of doing time are surely too complex for any snap judgments to be made. But this *West Side Story* does offer a salutary reminder that artistic vision is a strange plant: you can pour millions of pounds into a grand opera house and still not be sure of cultivating it; and then it springs up behind barred windows and locked doors.

Leonard proposes rite

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Anglican orders "null and void" in a papal bull in 1896. Under Sir Graham's proposals, Anglican orders could be rectified in some way without requiring total repudiation.

The rite would retain its own liturgy and would relate in some way to the local Roman Catholic hierarchy.

Sir Graham, whose proposals are published in *The Times* and *Catholic Herald* today, said: "One reason why I did this was because I really felt it had to be made clear that the people in favour just cannot think that they have only got to wait a little while and everybody will accept it and get used to it and there won't be any bother. I had to make it clear that there are some of us who feel it is not just the ordination of women.

This is in the sense the climax of a whole process of undermining of the faith."

He went on: "I'm not prepared to be a leader at 71. Others would have to do that.

I would hope that the person responsible would be someone appointed by the Roman Catholic Church." But, simply by raising the possibility so publicly, Sir Graham is likely to become the temporary spiritual leader of would-be defectors, if not their leader in any future hierarchy.

He said the vote meant the end of the Catholic movement within the Church of England.

Quoting Cardinal Newman, who left the Church of England for the Roman Catholic Church after founding the Oxford Movement, Sir Graham said the Church of England had become so liberalised that it would become an enemy of the truth.

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MPs told to back pay freeze

By PHILIP WEBSTER
CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

CONSERVATIVE MPs were told last night that they should vote next week to accept a freeze on their pay next year. Labour MPs are to be given a free vote.

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Judges allow doctors to let Hillsborough victim starve to death

By KATE ALDERSON

THE doctors caring for Tony Bland were told yesterday that it would be lawful to stop feeding him and let him die "peacefully with the greatest dignity and the least distress".

Sir Stephen Brown, president of the Family Division of the High Court, said that doctors could lawfully discontinue all treatment, including ventilation, nutrition, hydration and other medical treatment, because there was "no reasonable possibility of Anthony Bland ever emerging from his existing persistent vegetative state. May his soul rest in peace".

Sir Stephen said: "He has no feeling, no awareness, nor

can he experience anything relating to his surroundings. To his parents and family he is 'dead'. His spirit has left him and all that remains is the shell of his body."

The ruling is the first in an English court which allows a doctor to withdraw food and water from patients whose higher brain functions have been destroyed, and so grant immunity from a homicide prosecution.

James Munby QC, a representative of the Official Solicitor appointed by the court to represent Anthony, said that he would immediately lodge a notice of appeal which will be

heard on November 30. Sir Stephen said he hoped the matter could be resolved "speedily" because "from now on the anguish of the family will be great".

Tony Bland, 21, was in the stands at Hillsborough football ground on April 15, 1989, and suffered a severe chest injury which led to brain damage. He has remained in a state of complete unawareness for more than three years, a condition known as persistent vegetative state.

"All the higher functions of Anthony Bland's brain have been destroyed," said Sir Stephen. "There is no hope whatsoever of recovery or improvement of any kind. That is the unanimous opinion of all the distinguished doctors who have examined Anthony Bland."

Since May 1989, Tony has been under the care of Dr James Howe, a consultant gynaecologist at Airedale General Hospital, Keighley, West Yorkshire. Dr Howe told the court last week he would be the doctor to disconnect the feeding bottles when he and the family were ready.

Sir Stephen said it would take 10 to 14 days for Tony to die and the process would be that of starvation. "This would be unpleasant for those who had to observe it but Anthony Bland himself would be totally unaware of what was taking place."

The case clearly raises serious moral, medical and ethical issues. However, none of the facts relating to the circumstances and the condition of Anthony Bland are in dispute. The key to the diagnosis is still on clinical observation over a prolonged period of time, there is no evidence of a working mind."

Unlike less severely brain damaged patients emerging from a coma, the vegetative patient fails to regain any cognitive behaviour that would indicate function in the cerebral cortex. The grey matter responsible for consciousness, thinking, feeling and responding in a meaningful way is stimulated.

Because the brain stem still functions in Tony Bland, he has a wide range of reflex activity, including breathing and blinking. His condition is different to that of someone who has suffered "brain death" because his brain stem is still functioning.

Sir Stephen said that the approval of the court should be sought in cases of a similar nature "as a safeguard and for the reassurance of the public".

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still function. He can breathe on his own and blinks, blinks and responds to loud noises. His eyes roam around his room, he grinds his teeth and sometimes moans.

But the thinking and feeling part of his brain has been destroyed. It cannot relay proper messages to his limbs and gradually he has curled up into a ball, his hands clenched up into tight fists, his arms have stiffened across his chest, his feet are deformed and his legs will not move. He has strayed from right to left stones and is prone to constant infections.

For the past three and a half years, Mr and Mrs Bland and their immediate family have lived in a state of limbo, with little time for anything but work and visits to the hospital. If the appeal on November 30 by the Official Solicitor against Sir Stephen Brown's judgement is unsuccessful and their son is allowed to die, they may be able to start to live their own lives again.

Mr Bland looks awake because his reflex activities.

Routine without hope: Allan and Barbara Bland

Parents hope decision will end their limbo

By JULIA LLEWELLYN SMITH

THE High Court's decision to allow Tony Bland to die may eventually lead to an end to the twilight existence he has led since the 1989 Hillsborough disaster.

His parents Allan and Barbara have visited him daily at their local hospital, at first hoping for some flicker of recognition and slowly realising that it would never come.

Their routine has been monotonous and without hope. Every day they have gone to the private room in Airedale Hospital at Keighley, West Yorkshire, where their son lies in what doctors describe as a persistent vegetative state, attached to a feeding tube.

They talk to Tony, play his favourite tapes and turn on the television for every major football match. An illusion of a daily routine is created by moving Tony from his bed to a wheelchair, to his bath and back again. Nurses shave him and cut his hair.

Mr Bland looks awake because his reflex activities.

TONY Bland would die within a fortnight of his treatment ceasing, his doctors said yesterday. His death would be painless and could be from a number of causes, said Dr Jim Howe, the consultant neurologist at Airedale General Hospital, West Yorkshire, where Mr Bland was transferred a month after the 1989 Hillsborough disaster.

Although feeding Mr Bland through a nasal tube would be stopped if the courts ultimately decided to allow it, he would not starve to death. Most likely would be kidney failure from dehydration, a heart attack or an infection. Twice in recent months Mr Bland has nearly died from infection but once the courts rule, his doctors



Clear conscience: Dr Jim Howe says that court has made the right decision

Final days will be painless

By PAUL WILKINSON

Dr Howe said that Mr Bland would not survive without trained medical care. "It is an affront to human dignity to keep someone alive like this," he said. Mr Bland would not suffer when treatment was withdrawn.

He said that courts in America, Canada, South Africa, New Zealand and Australia had already indicated that they would not prosecute doctors who withdraw treatment for a terminally ill.

The British Medical Association said that the judgment was "an attempt to clarify the legal position by indicating that artificial feeding is a medical treatment which can be withdrawn in the same way as artificial ventilation in the right circumstances".

Although welcomed by the professions, the ruling brought angry reactions from groups such as the Society for

Landmark ruling sets standard for 1,000 families

The legal ruling that doctors may switch off Tony Bland's feeding system paves the way for allowing up to 1,000 similar patients to die if, as predicted, it is upheld by the Court of Appeal and House of Lords (Frances Gibb and Jeremy Lawrence write).

the Protection of the Unborn Child, which called it a "tragic and retrograde step" that amounted to killing.

The cases of Mr Bland and Dr Cox hinge on fine distinction's between treatments. In the case of Mr Bland, the court had to decide whether artificial feeding was a form of medical treatment. There is wide acceptance that withdrawing medical treatment, such as switching off a ventilator or stopping antibiotics in the event of infection, is "allowing nature to take its course". But some argue that, by stopping food and water, doctors would be making explicit their intention that the patient should die.

But there is a crucial difference between the cases. As Anthony Lester QC, in his impartial role as "friend of the court" said in the Bland hearing, the case was not one where "a doctor, nurse or relative has taken positive steps, from compassionate motives, with the primary purpose of hastening the death of a patient suffering unbearably from a terminal illness". It was about whether, in the view of the doctors and the court, a treatment decision should be taken that would "remove the artificial support for life and allow nature to take its course so that death intervenes".

Sir Stephen said that it would not be the doctors who were bringing about death by the act of removing the tubes; rather, death would be caused by the underlying brain injury.

Proposals on how to deal with other cases in line with the ruling have already been issued by the BMA.

The decision accords with the law in most American states, some countries in Europe and with Scotland, where prosecuting authorities have already indicated that they would not prosecute doctors who withdraw treatment for at least six months and that no decision should be taken to withdraw treatment for at least a year.

The opinion of two other specialists should be sought and views of relatives should be taken into account, but could not be over-riding.

Professor Bryan Jennett, of the Institute of Neurological Sciences at the University of Glasgow, said that Mr Bland would die in 10 to 14 days if his feeding tube were removed but would not suffer. "The mechanism for feeling pain and suffering distress has been destroyed."

Although not a euthanasia case, the judgment is certain to reopen the debate on euthanasia and "living wills". The British Medical Journal and the Voluntary Euthanasia Society are calling for a re-examination of the law on euthanasia, possibly by a royal commission.

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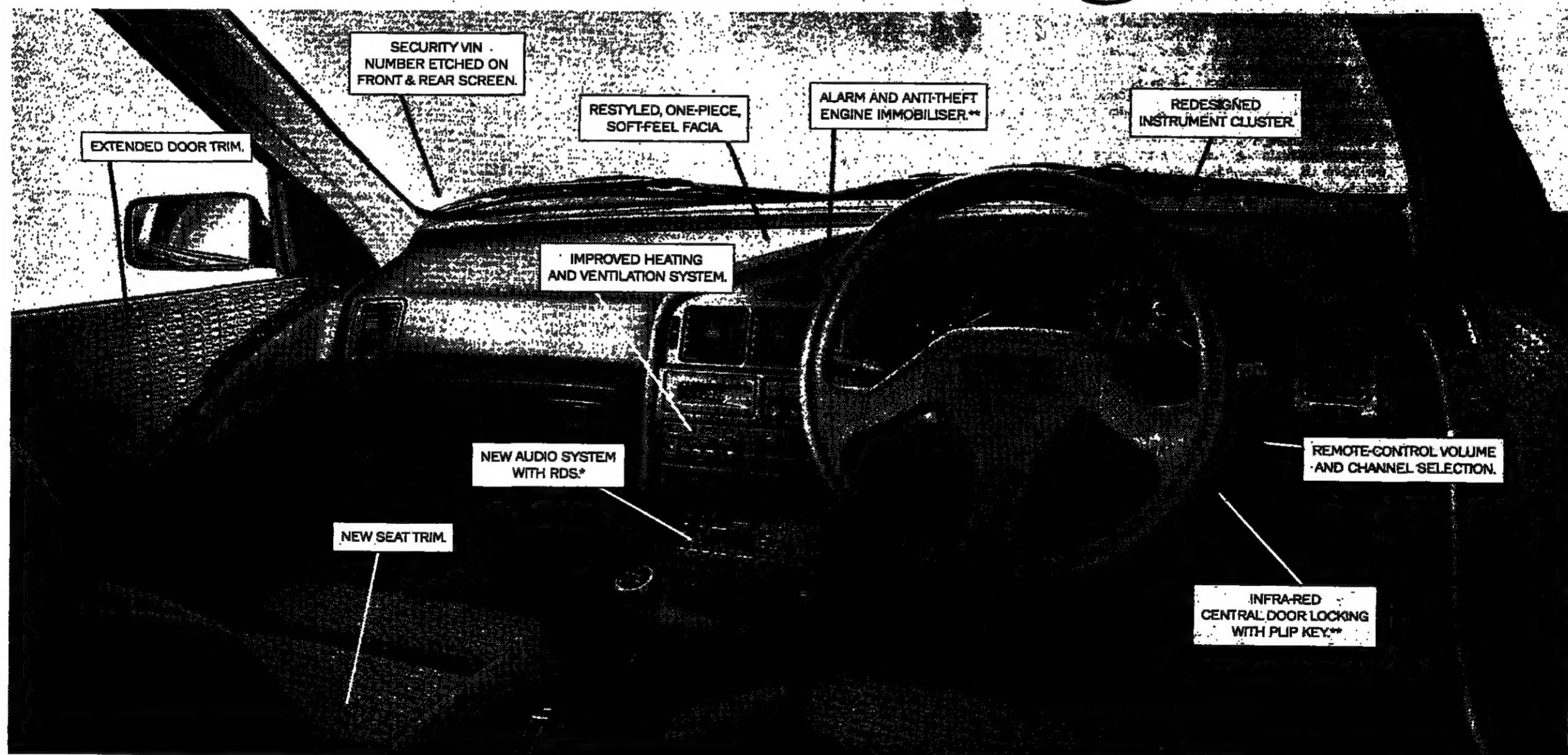
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Synod decision deepens Anglican split but encourages equality drive in other churches

Catholics offer a guarded blessing for Leonard plan

By RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE prospect of schism in the Church of England grew stronger last night after a warmer response than expected from the Roman Catholic Church to a proposal by the Right Rev Graham Leonard, former Bishop of London, to lead hundreds of priests and laity into the Latin church.

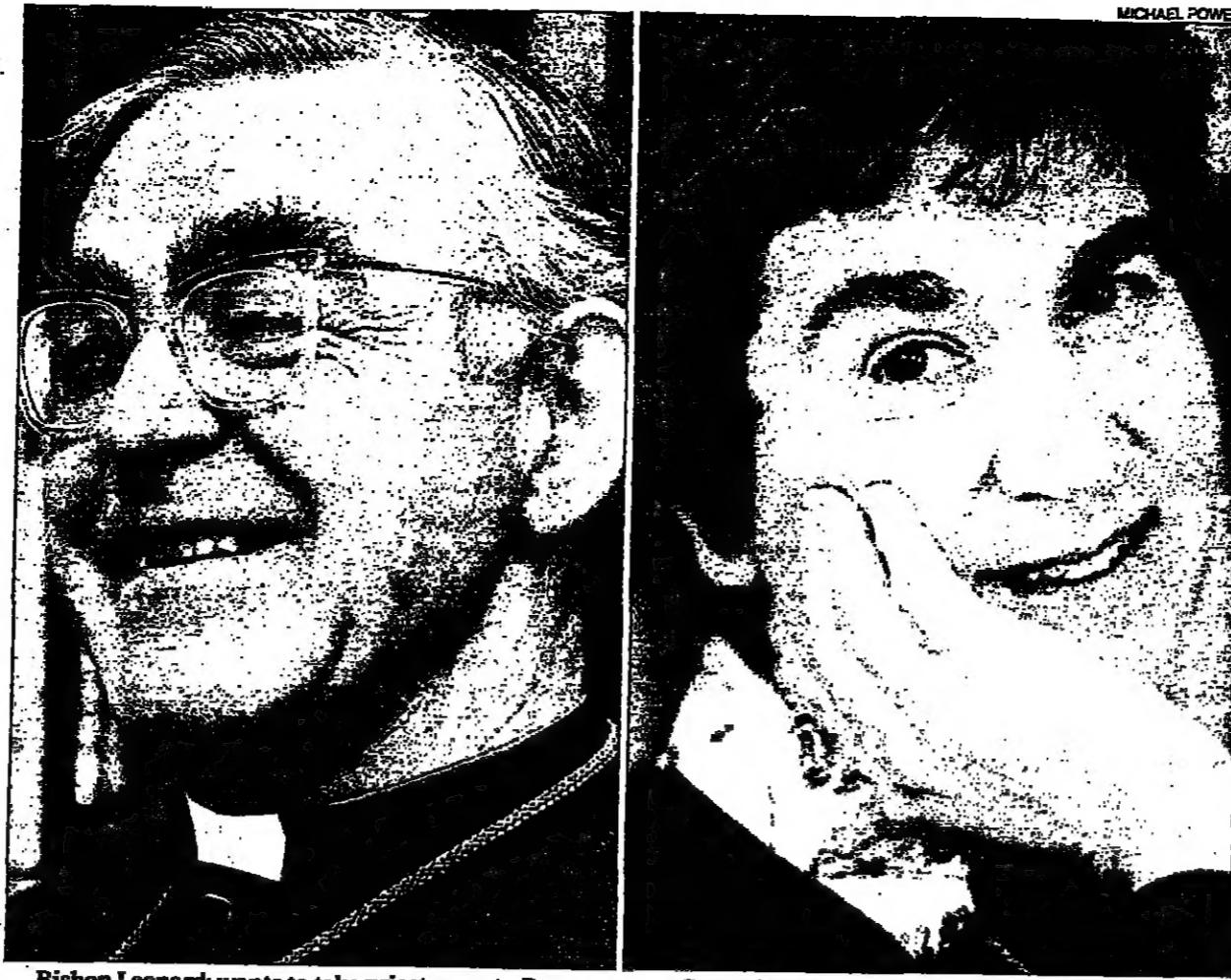
The rift between the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, and the present Bishop of London, Dr David Hope, grew deeper as it emerged that Dr Hope has also this week discussed the same option with nearly 20 bishops.

Sir Graham, who has been at the fore of opposition to women priests, suggests what is in effect a Uniat church, the designation given to Eastern churches which retain their own liturgy but submit to papal authority. The new church would follow the liturgy and canon law of the traditional Church of England but would be in full communion with the Holy See of the Catholic Church. Sir Graham hopes that the Vatican would appoint a Roman Catholic bishop as its head.

In an interview with *The Times* last night, Sir Graham said that the Church of England had become a sect and forecast that opposition to women priests would not disappear. Dr Carey repeated his plea for charity and asked that "hasty and ill-considered judgments" be avoided. Sir Graham said that his views had been well thought out.

The Catholic Church appears to favour an approach en masse from Anglican traditionalists. Sir Graham said that he had discussed his proposals with senior Catholics before publishing them in yesterday's *Catholic Herald*.

His impression of a positive response appeared to be confirmed yesterday. The Catho-



Bishop Leonard: wants to take priests over to Rome

Campaigner: Myra Poole leads the movement

RC women organise ordination campaign

By OUR RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

ENCOURAGED by the victory of the movement for women priests in the Church of England, Roman Catholic women are to start their own movement for the ordination of women. Talks will take place over the next few weeks between different Catholic women's groups to help the new lobby to take shape.

The move could come as a shock to Anglican traditionalists who are deserting their mother church for Rome, only to find themselves fighting the same battle but on a different front. Large numbers of Roman Catholic laymen, some priests and at least one bishop are thought to support the idea of Catholic women priests.

Roman Catholic women are traditionally even more restricted in what they can do than Anglican women. They cannot become deacons or be ordained deacons. They can, however, be lay preachers and some priests allow women to administer the sacrament.

In the Catholic church, as in the Church of England, the move for women priests is

being strengthened by the growth in feminist theology. It is led by Myra Poole, former head teacher of a Catholic girls' school in south London, who is studying for a PhD in feminist theology. She works for St Joan's Alliance, a Catholic organisation that supports equal rights and opportunities for men and women in all fields.

Members of the Catholic Women's Network, which seeks the full participation of women in every aspect of church life, will debate the idea soon. The two organisations view with growing alarm the prospect of thousands of traditionalist Anglicans joining the Catholic church. Yesterday, they distanced themselves from the Vatican's cold response to the Church of England decision, which described last week's vote as a grave obstacle to the cause of unity.

In a joint statement, the women congratulated the General Synod on its "prophetic and courageous decision".

Secretary tells jury of rape in surgery

By BILL FROST

A YOUNG woman said to have been drugged and raped by a Harley Street gynaecologist was subsequently harassed at home by the man, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

The 21-year-old secretary said that Dr Thomas Courtney served her drugged wine before sexually assaulting her on an examination couch in his surgery. At one stage, he offered her accommodation above his consulting rooms if she consented to sex three times a day, she said.

Dr Courtney, 46, of Cricklewood, north London, denies raping the secretary and another woman and indecently assaulting them.

The secretary said that a chance telephone call weeks before the alleged attack had prompted her to see the doctor. She had wanted to ring her former employer but dialled and found herself talking to Dr Courtney, whom she had never spoken to before. "He started chatting. He suggested we should meet and get together. We had only been talking a matter of minutes. I laughed it off."

Later, she decided to ring him. "I told him I was trying to find work and he suggested we meet that evening at his surgery." When she arrived, he gave her a glass of wine. "It tasted very strange," she said.

"Suddenly, I was by the fire. I was standing there and I had no clothes on. I remember looking up and he was completely naked as well."

"I said to him, 'Why are you doing this to me?' He said this was what I wanted, wasn't it? The next thing I was on the examination couch." Asked by Richard Horwell, for the prosecution, whether she had wanted to have sexual intercourse with Dr Courtney, she replied: "No."

She said that Dr Courtney had subsequently been to her flat. She and her flatmate "were left in a state of paranoia". "I just wanted Dr Courtney to be kept away. I did not want a criminal trial because I did not think I would be believed."

The trial continues today.

Prince is all smiles without the cheese

By ALAN HAMILTON

FRESH from the ordeal of listening to Jacques Delors debate subsidiarity in the European parliament on Wednesday, the Prince of Wales met the president of the European Commission face to face over lunch in Brussels yesterday and declared that he had been "very impressed" by his speech.

Admiration, however, is not necessarily the same as understanding. Antony thought Cleopatra more than a bit of all right, but he never fully got the hang of her wily Egyptian mind. The prince, a consummate diplomat, did not labour his aside of the previous day when he confessed to finding M Delors' Eurojargon impenetrable. Yesterday it was the turn of M Delors to be unwittingly undiplomatic: he forgot the cheese.

As is well known, the prince's reservations about a united Europe centre not on fear that when he ascends the throne he will be no more than a minor provincial princelet, but on cheese. Earlier this year, in France, he made a spirited defence of that country's more *recherche* dairy products, of the bacteria-laden kind that he feared might be killed off by EC standardisation.

But yesterday, there was no cheese. There was *raviole de langoustines* with asparagus tips, there was *blanquette de turbot* with *legumes à la parisienne*, followed by *delicat aux marrows* with *crème d'Armagnac* and Moka coffee. And that was it.

Commission staff denied they had forced a bacterially correct lunch upon the prince, and said they had simply overlooked *les fromages*. Rinske Grimaldi, head of VIP catering, said: "I was worried about him being a vegetarian. I knew he ate fish, but that was all I knew."

Addressing Belgian EC officials who will soon travel to Scotland for the Edinburgh summit, the prince attempted to define a haggis, which he assured them had three legs and could only go round one side of a hill. Careful, sir: they may ban the beast.

The trial continues today.

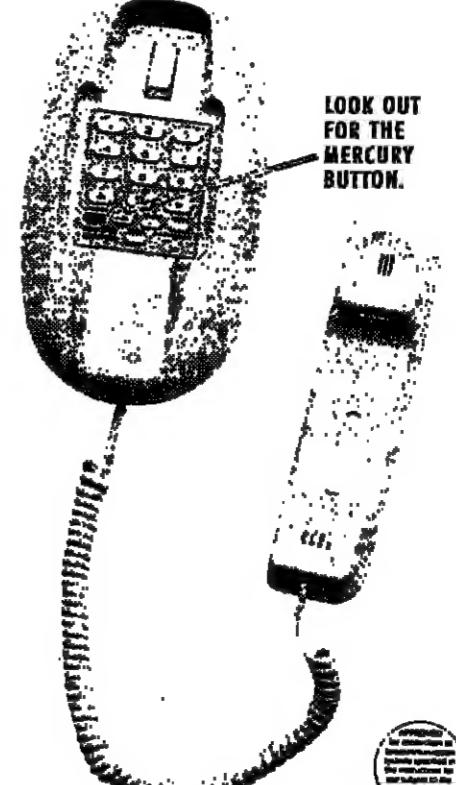
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Irish general election campaign

Embattled Reynolds claims change in poll fortunes

By EDWARD GORMAN, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

THE Irish prime minister, whose popularity has plummeted since the general election campaign opened two weeks ago, claimed yesterday that the tide was turning in his favour.

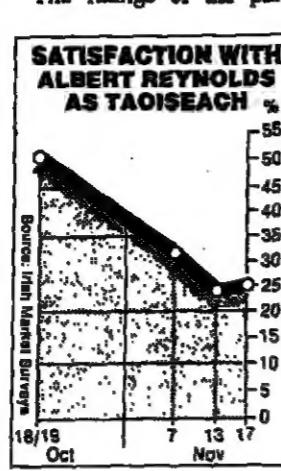
Albert Reynolds pointed to the latest opinion poll as evidence that his party, Fianna Fail, which had also heavily lost support, has turned the corner. He said that he was confident it would pick up more support before polling next Wednesday.

The poll by Irish Marketing Surveys, published in the *Irish Independent*, shows Fianna Fail at 42 per cent, 1 point up on last week, when it had fallen 6 points from its rating at the beginning of the three-week campaign.

Fine Gael remains unchanged at 24 per cent, as does Labour at 19 per cent, which was a big jump for that party from 15 per cent at the beginning of the campaign. The small Progressive Demo-

cats, who precipitated the election by pulling out of the coalition with Fianna Fail after Mr Reynolds accused their leader, Des O'Malley, of lying on oath to a beef tribunal, are on 5 per cent. That is 1 point down on the weekend and 2 down on its position at the start of the campaign.

The ratings of the party



leaders underlines the collapse of Mr Reynolds' popularity since the campaign began. His satisfaction rating is 25 per cent, 1 point up on the weekend but a long way down from the 60 per cent he enjoyed in September.

John Bruton, the Fine Gael leader, is at 31 per cent, Mr O'Malley at 34 per cent and Dick Spring, the Labour leader, stands high above them all at 67 per cent.

It is clear that Ireland is heading for another coalition government and almost certainly an unstable one. Barring a dramatic turnaround, Mr Reynolds has no chance of achieving an overall majority for Fianna Fail, an outcome on which he staked his leadership.

He is widely blamed for causing an unnecessary election, his use of undignified language in the row with the Democrats has not endeared him to many of his supporters and, in recent days, he has

started to wobble badly in interviews, apparently exhausted and poorly briefed. This week he inadvertently described Mr Bruton as John Unionist and referred to Charlie McCreevy, his minister for social welfare, as attempting to "dehumanise" the benefits system.

Mr Bruton and Fine Gael have failed to capitalise on the coalition's collapse, leaving the pivotal role to Labour, which stands to gain at least four seats up from 16, and whose leader Mr Spring is enjoying unparalleled popularity, reflecting his incisive performances as the *de facto* opposition leader in the last Dail.

In a hung parliament, the most likely outcomes are either a coalition between Labour and Fianna Fail, for which Labour would demand a high price of at least four cabinet seats and almost certainly the replacement of Mr Reynolds, or a "rainbow coalition" of Labour, Fine Gael and the Progressive Democrats.

Mr Spring has possibly damaged his prospects and lent credence to Mr Reynolds' attempts to scare the electorate about the instability of what he has called a "lethal cocktail" coalition, by suggesting that the post of prime minister could be rotated.

Even so, the rainbow coalition is still the most popular choice among the voters, with 40 per cent preferring it in yesterday's poll, compared with 32 per cent who said they wanted a Fianna Fail majority administration.

It is clear that while all three parties have ambitious programmes to target unemployment, the most important issue in the election, there will be difficult negotiations ahead to harmonise strategy on this and on tax reform, reform of the social welfare system and other major policy areas.



Under the axe: the oaks that once made Dublin's finest buildings are now wanted by the furniture trade

Forest guardians await chainsaw's call

Through the windows of

the old wooden caravan parked by the hedge on the side of the Tinnahely to Shillelagh road, the majestic beauty of Tommafinnogue Wood looms large on the horizon. Hundreds of 250-year-old oaks look bronze under a wintry sky.

Inside the 1950s mobile home, Sue Wardell talks of the "tranquillity and magnificence" of the trees that are within weeks of being felled. Beside her, Paddy O'Toole, a farmer who has led the fight to save the wood, says that in the end the ten-year battle may come down to a matter of physical force.

"We have someone watching all the time," he said, referring to the rota of volunteers watching and listening from the caravan for the first sign of chainsaws. "When it happens, we are going to muster our supporters and there will be confrontation, serious confrontation."

Tommafinnogue Wood — the wood of the hooded crow — is regarded as the last

great stand of oaks in Ireland. The trees planted in the early 18th century, nestled for half a mile along the valley of the river Derry in the southwest corner of Wicklow. Oaks grown at Tommafinnogue, on land formerly owned by the Fitzwilliam family near Coolattin, have been used for centuries in the construction of some of the finest buildings in Europe, including Westminster Hall, the Stadt House in Amsterdam and a number of important buildings in Dublin.

The present owner, Michael Shanley, an Irish builder based in Luton, wants to fell acres of trees to furnish makers. Over the past ten years, his company Bridgefarm has already felled large areas of adjoining oak forest and he has permission from the energy department and the local council to begin on Tommafinnogue on December 4, when 323 trees are due to be felled.

Having exhausted all the avenues of conservation and planning law, the campaign to save the wood, led by the National Trust for Ireland, the Irish Tree Society and the Irish Georgian Society, is now negotiating with Mr Shanley to buy the wood. The aim is to preserve the oaks, which could live for a further 600 years, and to manage them so that the stock renews itself. The area would be open to the public as part of the national heritage.

So far, the campaign has

raised only about £15,000, but the organisers are hopeful that they will be able to come up with the £200,000 to £300,000 required if they can reach a deal with Mr Shanley. But it is not clear whether he is interested in selling. In a recent interview, an associate suggested that the felling would begin in a matter of days. Pat Tatton, a director of Bridgefarm, said that the company had planted 750,000 trees over the past ten years, including 200,000

oaks on the old Fitzwilliam estate. "We have been granted a felling licence," he told a Dublin newspaper. "The conservationists have to ask themselves would we have been granted [it] if the authorities were not happy with our efforts to replant the whole wood."

Mr O'Toole dismissed arguments which, he says, support asset-stripping a national treasure. There could be no defence for what amounted to clear-felling the trees that would take 200 years to reach the height of the present stock and which were being poorly maintained.

"For generations these oaks were managed and harvested, giving employment to maybe 50 people," he said. "That is entirely different to what these people are doing. No one in their right mind would object to the proper management and harvesting of the wood."

EDWARD GORMAN

Humans rush headlong into war with the world

BY NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

HUMANITY is doomed unless it changes its ways fast, says a warning in an appeal signed by more than half the scientific world's Nobel Laureates.

"No more than one or a few decades remain before the chance to avert the threats we now confront will be lost and the prospects for humanity immeasurably diminished," the scientists say in a statement issued by the Washington-based Union of Concerned Scientists. The declaration is signed by 1,575 scientists, including 99 Nobel winners.

The four-page *World Scientists Warning to Humanity* was co-

ordinated by Dr Henry Kendall, an American physicist who won the Nobel Prize two years ago and now chairs the "union", a group originally concerned with the dangers of nuclear war but now operating on a broader front. He described the consensus as "truly unprecedented". Among the signatories was Lord Zuckerman, a former chief scientific adviser to Downing Street.

The warning begins by declaring that human beings and the natural world are on a collision course. Ozone depletion, waste of water, poisoning of the oceans, damage to farmland, deforestation, loss of plant and animal species and population growth are the greatest dangers, it asserts. "The Earth

is finite. Its ability to absorb wastes and destructive effluent is finite. Its ability to provide food and energy is finite. Its ability to provide for growing numbers of people is finite."

"And we are fast approaching many of the Earth's limits. Current economic practices ... cannot be continued without the risk that global systems will be damaged beyond repair."

"Pressures from unrestrained population growth put demands on the natural world that can overwhelm any efforts to achieve a sustainable future," the statement says. Industrial activities are the worst polluters and should help the Third World where environmental damage is a grave threat. The group predicts conflicts over scarce resources

and "mass migrations with incalculable consequences".

The scientists called for action in several areas to arrest the rush towards disaster: controlling activities that damage the environment, such as use of oil and coal, deforestation and poor farm practices; more efficient use of energy and water; stabilising the population; reducing and eventually eliminating poverty; equality for women; and reducing the threat of war.

Dr Kendall said: "We simply cannot continue on the course we're on. Nature won't allow it. We must all pay careful attention to the words of this distinguished group of scientists and act before it is too late."

Biography of Trollope wins prize

BY DANIEL JOHNSON
LITERARY EDITOR

VICTORIA Glendinning, a regular book reviewer for *The Times*, yesterday won a £2,000 Whitbread Award for her life of Trollope. Her prize, for the best biographical work, comes in the same year that she chaired the Booker Prize judges.

She told an invited audience at the award ceremony in London: "I am pleased for Trollope, because more people will read him; and I am pleased for myself, because I did work very hard."

One of the judges, Baroness James, said that *Trollope*, published by Hutchinson, had an excellent chance of being voted Book of the Year on January 26.

As the first important Trollope biography by a woman, it explores his treatment of the other sex more fully than ever before. "As readable ... as a good novel," Caroline Moore wrote in *The Times*.

The £20,500 Whitbread Book of the Year is one of the biggest events in the publishers' calendar and is chosen from among the five winners of the Whitbread Awards.

Alasdair Gray's *Poor Things* (Bloomsbury) won the novel award and Jeff Torrington's *Swing Hammer Swing!* (Secker & Warburg) won the first novel award.

Gillian Cross won the children's novel with *The Great Elephant Chase* (OUP), for which she also won the £8,000 Smarties Prize for children's fiction, which was announced on Wednesday. The poetry award was won by Tony Harrison's *The Gaze of the Gorgon* (Bloodaxe).

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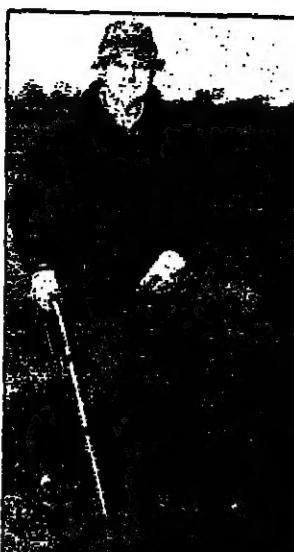
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Experts reveal full glory of treasure found in field

BY NICK NUTTALL
AND NORMAN HAMMOND

GOLD and silver objects found in a Suffolk field by a retired gardener with his metal detector have been described by archaeologists as one of the most spectacular Roman treasure hoards ever uncovered.

Full details emerged yesterday of what Eric Lawes, 69, found in the newly ploughed



Searching: Eric Lawes with his metal detector

New laws may curb detectors

BY NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

WHILE Eric Lawes, the retired gardener and metal detecting enthusiast, contemplates his hoped-for windfall, archaeologists have drafted a parliamentary bill that would significantly restrict one of Britain's fastest growing hobbies.

The Surrey Archaeological Society in Guildford, angry over several incidents where ancient sites have been turned into moonscapes and police have been attacked by people armed with metal detectors, has drafted the bill which would make a new law of trespass with a metal detector similar to trespass with a shotgun.

David Graham, of the society, said the bill, which has secured the support of a peer, an MP and the Home Office, is expected to be introduced

■ A tenant farmer and a pensioner with a metal detector are likely to collect millions of pounds after finding Roman coins and jewellery lost 1,600 years ago

field at Hoxne while he was searching for tools lost by his friend Peter Whitting, a tenant farmer. Inside the remains of a rotted box, archaeologists discovered two silver figurines of a human bust and a tigress, as well as two small silver containers.

Several handfuls of silver spoons and decorated small strainers, some with Latin words and the Christian Chi Rho symbol inscribed on them, were also discovered.

In the centre and towards the top of the box were pieces of gold jewellery, including necklaces, bracelets and two rings. Alongside these a silver bowl was found. Thousands of silver and gold coins, which may have once been in a cloth bag, were littered among the other items.

Mr Lawes' metal detector picked up a single silver coin which led to the discovery of other items just below the surface and a call to Suffolk County Council. Judith Plourier, the council's Roman specialist, who supervised the

subsequent dig, said the find was "priceless in terms of the knowledge it will give us". It was the most spectacular find in Suffolk since the Mildenhall treasure, a large ornamental silver dinner service unearthed during the second world war.

Archaeologists praised Mr Lawes, a pensioner from Diss, and Mr Whitting, 41, for reporting their discovery so promptly. There were suggestions yesterday that the collection could be worth as much as £10 million.

But that figure was dismissed by the British Museum as "pure speculation". A spokesman said: "It is not as big as Mildenhall in terms of size, but it is very unusual. Its importance lies in the fact that it may be Byzantine in design and such styles have never been seen before in Roman Britain."

A full analysis is to be undertaken by museum experts after the items have been thoroughly cleaned, photographed and catalogued by

archaeologists said yesterday that the items appear to have been hidden by a wealthy family during civil unrest at the end of the Roman rule in Britain. However, it could instead be a temple's accumulated treasure.

Mr Whitting said: "Up to

now I've only ploughed about

11 in down, but this year I

went a bit deeper. The old

plough must have scraped

over the top stones of times but this time it just nicked it and two coins came up."

Mr Lawes said: "First I found one silver coin, then a second and then I went down and struck gold. I decided to stop when I filled two carrier bags and put them in the car. There must have been a hundredweight of coins and treasure still in the ground."

It was impossible to

describe my feelings when I

started finding handfuls of

coins, necklaces and spoons. It's everybody's dream, isn't it, to find buried treasure?"

Mr Lawes drove back to the

farmhouse at lunchtime and

said he had found something.

Mr Whitting said: "I was out but he told the wife he had

found a few coins and some

baftered-up spoons."

"He came back after lunch

and I had a look. When I saw

the stuff in the boot of the car it

was as though it had all just

been made yesterday. It was so

clean. There was a necklace

there, just sparkling. When I

realized what it was, my hands

started shaking."

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Tourism
trumps
buoyant
message

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT
TRAVEL CORRESPONDENT

TRAVEL and tourism — now the world's biggest industry — could prove the engine to haul nations out of recession, it was claimed yesterday.

Industry leaders meeting in London were told that tourism has survived the recession well. British holiday bookings for 1993 were already 6 per cent up on the same time last year. The demand is expected to grow rapidly as eastern Europeans and Chinese take more foreign holidays.

If governments could be persuaded to tap that growth by providing roads, airports and other facilities, the industry could double its contribution to the world's gross national product by 2005 and provide an additional 2.5 million jobs a year, the World Travel Forum was told.

Chris Rodrigues, chief executive of Thomas Cook, said: "In many parts of the world, inadequate roads are choked with traffic, railway track and rolling stock are outdated, airways and airports are crowded. This slows the pace of business and limits its potential. It also discourages leisure travel, which thrives on efficient and pleasant transportation."

Geoffrey Lipman, president of the World Travel and Tourism Council, said that the industry would generate 6 per cent of worldwide GDP and one in 15 jobs next year: more than electronics in Japan, cars in the United States and agriculture in Europe.

"We believe our industry will grow faster than the economy as a whole and ahead of most of the service sector," he said. "We are convinced that our industry can help the market economy in eastern Europe in the way American travel dollars helped Europe and Japan in the forties. With innovative thinking, we see good prospects for nature tourism in Africa and rural tourism in Europe, the latter as a long-term alternative to sea-side and stockpiling."

Millions of savers miss tax refund

BY PAUL WILKINSON

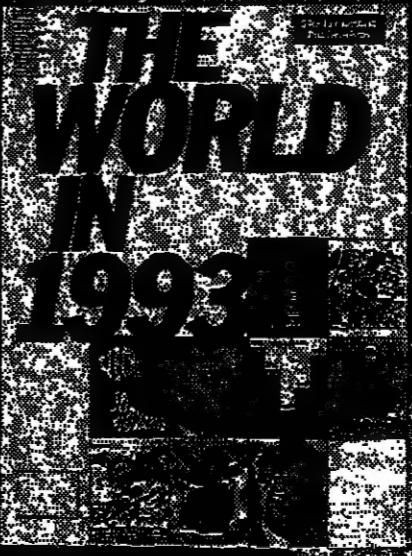
SIX MILLION people in Britain have not claimed tax refunds to which they are entitled, according to the Inland Revenue, which is closing all but five of 24 offices set up across the country to handle an avalanche of claims that never arrived.

Refunds totalling £400 million became due two years ago after the law relating to tax paid on interest earned by bank and building

society accounts changed. Only 25 per cent of the eight million eligible account holders — non-taxpayers such as the elderly, the unemployed and children — have come forward.

A revenue spokesman said the response had been disappointing: "Some people think it's like taking money from charity. It must be more difficult than we thought for people to understand that we are giving money out. People are obviously still frightened of the Inland Revenue."

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Portillo urges firms to follow government lead on pay restraint

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY AND JONATHAN PRYNN

THE Treasury maintained its buoyant mood yesterday in looking beyond the recession and planning to restore Britain's competitiveness. The upbeat spirit shown by the Chancellor on Wednesday was reinforced yesterday by Michael Portillo, the chief secretary to the Treasury, as he reiterated plans to boost the economy.

Economic fundamentals were now promising, he said, emphasising that recent cuts in the rates of interest and inflation and the current exchange rates had already made British industry more competitive.

Opening the second day of debate on last week's Autumn Statement, Mr Portillo warned the private sector not to repeat past mistakes by allowing high pay to ruin its competitiveness. As Mr Portillo looked beyond the recession, however, he was sharply criticised by Harriet Harman, the shadow chief Treasury secretary, for standing by "while the menace of unemployment and recession stalked in and engulfed every region of this country".

Mr Portillo repeated his message to industry that he expected it to follow the government's lead in reining back pay increases below the rate of inflation. He insisted, in the

wake of the 1.5 per cent ceiling placed on public sector pay, that the government would not dictate settlements to the private sector through an incomes policy. "It is up to individual employers to decide what they can afford to pay. But what everyone knows is that the lower the growth in wage costs in general, the better will be the UK's competitive position."

He warned the private sector that labour costs were growing faster than in some competitor countries, and added that "more progress may be required if the UK is to succeed in the world of the 1990s".

Mr Portillo, who has Treasury responsibility for public spending, urged MPs to help to set an example on wage rises by agreeing to the pay freeze recommended by the government. "We cannot ... call for the protection of capital spending and the preservation of benefits, unless we are also willing ourselves to share in the sacrifice."

A prime objective for the government had to be to

reduce its spending and borrowing. Spending "could eventually smother the private sector", and he said that a careful eye needed to be kept on the proportion of national income absorbed by public spending.

Although accepting the need for higher public spending during recession, Mr Portillo said: "As growth returns, we need to be sure that its fruits are not simply gobble up by an uncontrolled expansion of the state." The recession must not be an excuse for public spending to "let rip" or for temporary increases in spending to become permanent.

In reply, Harriet Harman, giving her first important Commons speech as shadow chief secretary, attacked Mr Portillo for the "extraordinary absence of any reference in his speech to unemployment on a day that saw the announcement of a further 10,000 job losses".

She said the package of measures announced in the Autumn Statement would not reverse the rising tide of joblessness. "It is a mix of measures the government does not believe in, and even on its own predictions will not add up to an end to the recession," she said. She mocked government claims that global economic downturn was responsible for the UK recession. "Our recession started earliest and has lasted longest," she said.

The government had failed to provide a programme for recovery in any of the main areas of the economy. For example, instead of an industrial policy the government was offering £400 of the price of a new car. "The government has begun to talk about growth but has no real expectation of growth; it has started to talk about investment, but has no strategy for investment," she said.

She rejected the argument that return of consumer confidence would alone bring about recovery. The government would not end the recession by waiting for people to go out shopping, as they were still burdened by personal debt. She was particularly critical of the Autumn Statement announcement that local authorities would be able to spend future capital receipts on new housing up to December next year.

She also attacked the 1.5 per cent public sector pay limit. It was not public sector pay that caused the recession, and cutting the real wages of public sector staff would not bring the recession to an end. She contrasted the policy with the decision to lift stamp duty on share transactions at a cost to the taxpayer of £1.5 billion over the next two years. "People will not think it fair to take money out of the pay packets of nurses but put it back into the wallets of those dealing in shares," she said.

Blair: pressing for reforms in party

THE Labour party must change itself if it is to make the case for change in the country, according to Tony Blair, the shadow home secretary, who was elected to the party's national executive two months ago.

He pressed the case for far-reaching changes in the party's policies and organisation in a recent speech to the Young Fabians. His remarks underline the determination of leading reformers in the party to press ahead with internal changes and not to rest on Labour's big lead in the polls.

Mr Blair argued that, for the Opposition to win, not only must the incumbent party fail but Labour, the challenger, must articulate and lead the case for change in a convincing way. The victory of Bill Clinton in the American presidential election, he said, proved that this could be done, not that it was inevitable.

Difficulties had arisen with market theology and a different approach was now needed based on community action to further public good. This should incorporate the market economy, while avoiding a centralised state and the vested interests of the public sector.

Rather than putting forward a mass of policy detail, Labour should identify symbolic signposts to its philosophy.

These should include a commitment to internationalism, notably in the EC and to prevent nuclear proliferation; partnership of government and industry; an emphasis on enhancing the value of labour to exploit the possibilities of capital via education and training; escaping poverty by not treating welfare dependency as inevitable; providing the maximum possible public services, not the minimum permissible; and a new relationship between individuals and the state via constitutional changes.

Updating the party's approach should be matched by changes in organisation by expanding membership and basing decisions on one member, one vote.

John Major's assertion that the Maastricht treaty will take power away from the European Commission was disputed yesterday in a report by the cross-party foreign affairs committee. It concluded that legal challenges against the EC under the subsidiarity rule were "unlikely to succeed".

As the prime minister is seeking a clearer agreement on subsidiarity at next month's EC summit in Edinburgh, the committee said that, without some new institutional mechanism for enforcing the rule, it might not be effective. In its interim report entitled *Europe after Maastricht*, the MPs said they received conflicting evidence on whether the treaty reduced the Commission's powers to interfere in some policy areas and they believed the issue was "open to further debate".

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Time for action: two workers from Devonport Dockyard join a lobby of Parliament yesterday. The government is expected to decide before Christmas whether Devonport, in Plymouth, or Rosyth in Scotland will win future nuclear submarine refitting work

Howard seeks smooth switch to council tax

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MINISTERS are hoping that a promise that even the wealthiest households will not have to pay more than £5 a week extra under the council tax will dispel Tory backbench anxieties over next April's upheaval in local taxation.

Michael Howard, the environment secretary, is expected to give the pledge next Thursday when he outlines the transitional relief scheme designed to smooth the changeover from poll tax to council tax.

Mr Howard has won an extra £1.2 billion from the Treasury in grants for local government, about £350 million of which has been earmarked for the scheme.

Two-thirds of properties in England fall into bands A-C covering houses worth up to £68,000. The more their owners will ask to pay in extra bills will be £2 a week, with households in Bands A and B subject to a lower limit. Many people in such homes, especially in the North and the Midlands, will gain from the scrapping of the poll tax.

Maximum permitted increases for Bands D-H will range from £2 to £5 a week.

not mean a repeat of the poll tax fiasco. Cabinet ministers admitted yesterday that the changeover would be one of the main political hurdles of the coming months, but they expect the uproar to subside by 1994.

Mr Howard will announce a sliding scale of relief linked to eight bands of property values. Potential losses will be lowest for people living in the cheapest Band A properties and highest for those at the top of the spectrum. He will also announce a further tightening of capping powers.

Two-thirds of properties in England fall into bands A-C covering houses worth up to £68,000. The more their owners will ask to pay in extra bills will be £2 a week, with households in Bands A and B subject to a lower limit. Many people in such homes, especially in the North and the Midlands, will gain from the scrapping of the poll tax.

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Kaufman backs press reform

BY SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

A TEAM of MPs is considering ways of protecting private citizens from press intrusion after citing a catalogue of cases where public figures and more humble individuals had suffered. The investigation into privacy and media intrusion by the Commons national heritage committee, chaired by Gerald Kaufman, is running parallel to the review by Sir David Calcutt.

After questioning top lawyers yesterday, Mr Kaufman supported the extension of legal aid for libel and called for better safeguards for private citizens.

At the hearing the cross-party committee disputed where to draw the line between public figures and private individuals. Some MPs plainly disagreed with Desmond Browne QC, a member of the Bar Council's privacy working party, when he said press behaviour had improved since newspapers were told by Sir David two years ago to put their house in order. The figures for outstanding High Court actions for libel, malice and malicious falsehoods and breaches

of confidentiality for one newspaper had fallen since the original Calcutt report from 25 to four.

Joe Ashton, Labour MP for Bassetlaw, talked of a recent case of a man who didn't have his glasses on in the bathroom and picked up the superglue instead of the anal cream ... and glued his buttocks together. This man was made a laughing stock," he said.

Mr Browne replied that if

PARLIAMENT NEXT WEEK

The main business in the House of Commons next week is expected to be:

Monday: Debate on Labour motion on Iraq exports. Tuesday: Debate on European Community budget. Wednesday: Debate on MPs' pay. Proceedings on the car tax (abolition) bill. Thursday: Debate on the management of public services. Friday: Debate on private member's motion on relations with Libya and Iraq.

The main business in the Lords is expected to be:

Monday: Foreign compensation (amendment) bill, committee. Agriculture bill, second reading. Tuesday: Sea fish (conservation) bill, report. Wednesday: Debate on unemployment. Thursday: Hereditary peers bill, second reading.

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French denounce UK as hopes rise for oilseed deal

■ Paris, sensing an imminent Gatt agreement, is accusing Britain of selling out the French to save the record of its EC presidency

FROM CHARLES BRENNER IN PARIS AND MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

TOP American and European Community negotiators yesterday entered a second day of talks in Washington, with both sides increasingly hopeful of reaching an agreement on EC oilseed subsidies before day's end in the hope of averting a serious transatlantic trade war.

But as agreement came closer, the French government denounced Britain and displayed its increasing desperation over a dilemma which President Mitterrand says is one of the toughest he has faced in four decades of public office.

Adding to the pressure, both opposition parties and the government's own Socialists called on M. Mitterrand to veto any Community agreement which involved concessions to America. At the same time, FNSEA, the mainstream farmers' association, promised an all-out campaign of reprisals against American products throughout France and Europe if the government gives in.

The violent demonstration round the US embassy in Paris on Wednesday was just a tiny taste of what Europe could expect, farmers said. FNSEA and more militant groups have a record of making good their threats and getting away with violent civil disobedience unpunished.

Ramming home government resistance to any agreement under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, Jean-Pierre Soisson, the agriculture minister, blamed Britain for trying to force an accord to save its reputation. "On agriculture,

the British presidency [of the EC] is ending in failure," he said. "For domestic political reasons, they would like a Gatt accord presented at the Edinburgh summit to save their presidency."

He singled out John Gummer, the agriculture minister, as the only one of his European colleagues at a Brussels meeting on Monday to have failed to state the need to stand up to American pressure. "The British were not very 'fair play,'" he added.

In a day of media appearances aimed at demonstrating government hostility to any agreement on the current terms, M. Soisson said France would immediately demand new negotiations if a deal was reached, but he declined to say whether it would apply its veto.

He acknowledged, however, that President Mitterrand had told an emergency cabinet meeting that, while France could not "kneel before the United States", it could not

win in the end by going it alone.

In Washington yesterday Ray MacSharry, the European farm commissioner, said three hours of talks with the Americans on Wednesday night had produced a "narrowing of differences" on the oilseed row. Frans Andriessen, the EC trade commissioner, was more forthright, saying that there was "a serious chance of making a deal today". An EC official said the Americans had presented a reworked proposal which the two sides were studying in detail.

US officials, who have more than once seen the talks break down when a deal seemed imminent, were slightly more circumspect. Carla Hills, the US trade representative, agreed that the negotiators had made "very good progress" on Wednesday night, but gave a warning that there were still many outstanding issues to be resolved.

Europe has until December 5 to resolve the oilseeds dispute before Washington imposes punitive tariffs of 200 per cent on an initial \$300 million (£196 million) worth of EC products, and on at least another \$700 million worth thereafter.

Whether or not the oilseeds dispute is resolved, John Major, as EC president, will come to Washington with Jacques Delors, the European Commission president, shortly before Christmas to meet President Bush for the twice-yearly EC-US summit. The trip will give Mr Major his first opportunity to meet Bill Clinton, the president-elect.

He gave no details of submarine classes or present production levels. The latest *Military Balance*, published



Moment of truth: President Yeltsin handing the cockpit voice and flight data records of KAL 007, the Korean airliner shot down by Soviet jets in 1983, to President Roh Tae Woo of South Korea yesterday. Mr Yeltsin said: "I originally planned to send the

black box and related materials to the ICAO [International Civil Aviation Organisation], but I brought them here as a show of friendship and apology." He opened the case containing the black box after the signing of a friendship treaty, during the first trip

to Seoul by a Moscow leader (Michael Breen in Seoul writes). After the presentation, Mr Roh said: "This shows sincerity building up between the two countries." Korean officials hope the box will reveal why KAL 007 strayed off course over Soviet installations.

Russia phases out war submarines

BY MICHAEL BINION, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

RUSSIA may stop building military submarines within the next three years, President Yeltsin announced yesterday in South Korea. He told the national assembly that Russia was already halving its production of new submarines and in two or three years would stop making submarines for military purposes.

He gave no details of submarine classes or present production levels. The latest *Military Balance*, published

by the International Institute for Strategic Studies, says Russia has 250 submarines, of which 55 are strategic, carrying ballistic missiles, and 185 are "hunter-killers" largely used for tracking other submarines.

Mr Yeltsin said that Russia was keen on taking steps in the Far East to reduce tension, and planned big cuts in its military potential. It had already significantly reduced the strength of its Pacific fleet, the largest of the four fleets maintained by the former Soviet Union.

Analysts in London said Russia was already reducing its submarine fleet as swiftly as possible, largely because it had

no need for such a large fleet, and also because many of the ageing ships had to be scrapped. Russia has reduced its submarine fleet by at least 40 over the past year, and could not break up any more vessels because of constraints in the safe disposal of nuclear components.

The Russians are thought to be still building three classes of hunter-killer submarines: the conventional Kilo class — the same as the ships sold to Iran — and the nuclear-powered Sierra and Akula classes. Only two conventional ships were commissioned last year. About eight Oscar-class vessels have been built since the huge ship was detected by the West.

Last night Whitehall officials said they were assessing the importance of Mr Yeltsin's remarks, which seemed to take Andrei Kozyrev, his foreign minister, and other Russian officials by surprise.

Leader sacked

KHOJAND: Akhbari Iskandarov, president of Tajikistan, has been sacked by parliament and replaced by Imamali Kakhmanov from the pro-communist south. The move seems likely to increase tension between Islamic militants and the communists. (Reuters)

Plea rejected

BERLIN: Erich Honecker's lawyers unsuccessfully appealed for his trial to be halted because of his short life expectancy due to advanced liver cancer. The former communist leader of East Germany was found not to be in imminent danger of death. (AFP)

Berlin protests

BERLIN: Berlin has sharply protested against plans for a permanent exhibition of Adolf Hitler's paintings at the Uffizi Museum in Florence. One senator described it as "an intolerable provocation to good taste and to all victims of fascism". (Reuters)

Oslo chooses

OSLO: The Norwegian Storting (parliament), following the lead of Finland and Sweden, its Nordic partners, was expected last night to vote to apply for EC membership. MPs were being allowed a free plebiscite at the weekend.

TONGUE TIED: Tokyo: Nippon Syntex KK, a pharmaceutical firm based here, has banned the use of Japanese at its immunology research centre and made English its official language so that visiting overseas chemists will feel at home, a spokesman said. (Reuters)

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Denikas blamed for the stalemate
UK presses to renew
Cyprus talks

BY MICHAEL BINION

AFTER talks in London between George Iacovou, the Cypriot foreign minister, and Tristan Garel-Jones, the Foreign Office minister for Europe, Britain expressed strong disappointment at the failure of the latest Cyprus talks, and blamed Rauf Denikas, the Turkish Cypriot leader, for the breakdown.

The two discussed prospects for the reconvening of the United Nations talks next March, and Mr Iacovou urged Britain to put pressure on the Turkish Cypriots to accept the UN plan as the basis for further discussion.

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Besieged town cheers arrival of UN relief under British guard

By OUR FOREIGN STAFF

BRITISH troops yesterday escorted the first UN relief supplies to reach the Muslim town of Tuzla in north Bosnia since it was besieged by Serbs forces seven months ago.

The UN convoy, led by Scimitar light tanks, drove to Tuzla under Serb guns over a winding and muddy road through snow-covered mountains. Local people clapped and cheered as the convoy of British army trucks rolled into the town, where up to 200,000 people are trapped. "I'm very pleased," said Major Jamie Sage, who commanded the convoy during the dangerous last 30-mile stretch of its route from the British forward base at

Kladanj. "But we still have to get back and we have to do it again tomorrow. For about six miles, we were in range of direct fire from anti-aircraft guns, machine-guns and at least two tanks that we know of."

Four Scimitars shepherded the nine trucks, loaded with food and rolls of polythene to weatherproof the damaged homes.

The British will spend five days shuttling between Kladanj and Tuzla with as much food as possible to sustain the population during the winter. The British troops, part of the 6,500-strong UN Protection Force (Unprofor) in Bosnia, have been charged with escorting aid convoys in

the central part of the former Yugoslav republic.

"We must get as much aid as possible to Tuzla while the weather holds," Major Martin Thomas said before the convoy set out. "The way things are going, we can expect a lot of breakdowns. The road is very difficult, indeed, a very narrow track."

The first carpet of snow

of

the winter covered Sarajevo

streets in near-freezing temperatures yesterday, a foretaste of the harsh conditions expected in the coming weeks by the trapped population of about 380,000. The UN relief agency has said it has no food reserves in Sarajevo and appealed to the warring parties to allow a new supply route from the Adriatic coast to be opened.

A UN convoy taking food and emergency supplies to Sarajevo came under attack on Wednesday in southern Bosnia-Herzegovina, a UN official said in Geneva yesterday. Rod Redmond, spokesman for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, said the last lorry in a five-truck convoy was damaged. No one was hurt.

The attack happened as the trucks, donated by Denmark and travelling under a Spanish military escort, were waiting to pass through a Bosnian Croat checkpoint north of Mostar. "The last truck in the convoy had its tyres shredded and its axle damaged, so they had to proceed without it," Mr Redmond said.

□ Brussels: At least 70 ships

are suspected of having sailed through UN sanctions to supply Serbia with fuel and essential supplies landed at ports in Montenegro, according to the Western European Union.

Some people have not lost their sense of humour. One man's three-line message reads: "In order not to burden the messengers — regards to all, the rest is either a novel or nothing."



Red Cross keeps friends in touch

FROM TIM JUDAH IN BELGRADE

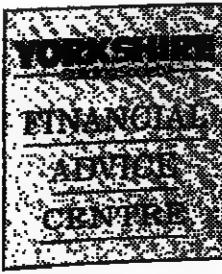
WITH telephone lines cut and from lines crisscrossing former Yugoslavia, the message service of the International Committee of the Red Cross has become a lifeline for hundreds of thousands.

Throughout the war in Croatia the ICRC distributed 30,000 messages between families and friends divided by the conflict. But since the war began in Bosnia-Herzegovina the number of messages transmitted has risen exponentially. In the past 14 weeks 230,000 have been sent, and in 90 per cent of cases the addressee has been found. All messages are read in case someone has tried to slip in military information.

"Even in my worst dreams I never imagined I would be doing this," Olga Lazarevic, an ICRC worker, said. "But these are not just pieces of paper. There are whole families here, from all sides and all are suffering." Sava, now in Serbia, writes to his wife Zora and their son in Croat-controlled western Herzegovina: "I am missing you. I hope you can come here. I don't know what to say. Only, 'I love you.'" Nataša Milinarić, who processes hundreds of messages a week, said: "He does not know that she is in a camp." When she typed Zora's name in her computer yesterday it indicated that she was being held in a Croat detention camp. Most messages reaching Belgrade now are from Serbs, many of whom are being sheltered by their "own" army in Sarajevo. As Muslims and Croats have

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Old-style cabinet for Romania

Bucharest: Fears that Romania is returning to old-style conservatism were confirmed yesterday when the make-up of the new government was announced (Sean Hulme writes).

Among the 22-member cabinet are several members of Nicolae Ceausescu's state planning committee, including the new prime minister, Nicolae Vacaroiu. The new minister of health is Julian Mircea, a dietician, who treated the deposed dictator for diabetes and spearheaded a national campaign on the benefits of vegetables when there was no meat.

Women curbed

Khartoum: Sudan's Muslim fundamentalist government has issued new decrees banning women from working in markets and other public places after 5pm. All shops have been ordered to close down for two hours for Friday noon prayers (AP)

Kurds relieved

Habur, Turkey: More than 700 lorries loaded with winter relief supplies and fuel for the Iraqi Kurds have rolled into the north of the country from Turkey since Kurdish separatists lifted an embargo on the region (AP)

Railway death

Tokyo: A Japanese Bullet train killed a man who ran into its path, the first death since the high-speed rail service started up 28 years ago. The train driver applied the brake but could not stop in time. Police said the man committed suicide (AP)



Harbinger of change: President Walesa says Poland's new emphasis on industrial efficiency and performance means that unemployment will rise

Walesa talks of hardship ahead

Poland needs more rapid integration into the European Community, its president tells Eve-Ann Prentice

PRESIDENT Walesa of Poland appealed yesterday for the country's faster integration into the European Community, and attacked Britain for not understanding its problems.

"In the United Kingdom you drive on the left. Everyone else drives on the right, and you don't have the courage to shift. What is happening in Poland has a thousand times more consequences than anything you face," he told *The Times*.

Mr Walesa expressed irritation over the EC's reluctance to allow Poland to join the Community. Warsaw has an association agreement with Brussels, but the EC has indicated that Poland will not be able to become a full member for at least ten years.

The president said Polish fears of the German far right reinforced the need for European unity. There were "demons at work" in post-unification Germany, he said. "In Germany, old fears are awakening because the old system has collapsed and a new one has not fully emerged yet."

Mr Walesa said he opposed a referendum on the strict abortion law being prepared by Poland's parliament. A parliamentary commission has called for two

year jail terms for doctors carrying out the operation, and the bill would overturn 42 years of liberal abortion laws. The draft abortion law has the backing of the powerful Roman Catholic Church in Poland. A referendum is being sought by 120 deputies, and they are supported by prominent intellectuals.

Mr Walesa said: "I am in favour of all sorts of referendums... But I'm against this where private conscience is involved. We cannot enforce conscience by law and, as a practising Catholic, I am against abortion."

Mr Walesa also indicated that unemployment was set to rise as Poland continues its drive towards privatisation. He admitted that a third of Poles were worse off now than three years ago.

His message for the nearly two-and-a-half million unemployed was gloomy. "The philosophy of the past was to give everyone employment. Now we are talking about performance and efficiency. Many huge factories are oversize and many workplaces are not situated in the right place or manufacturing what they should. Our nation is educated and everyone is used to being employed. But we will have to close down many workplaces."

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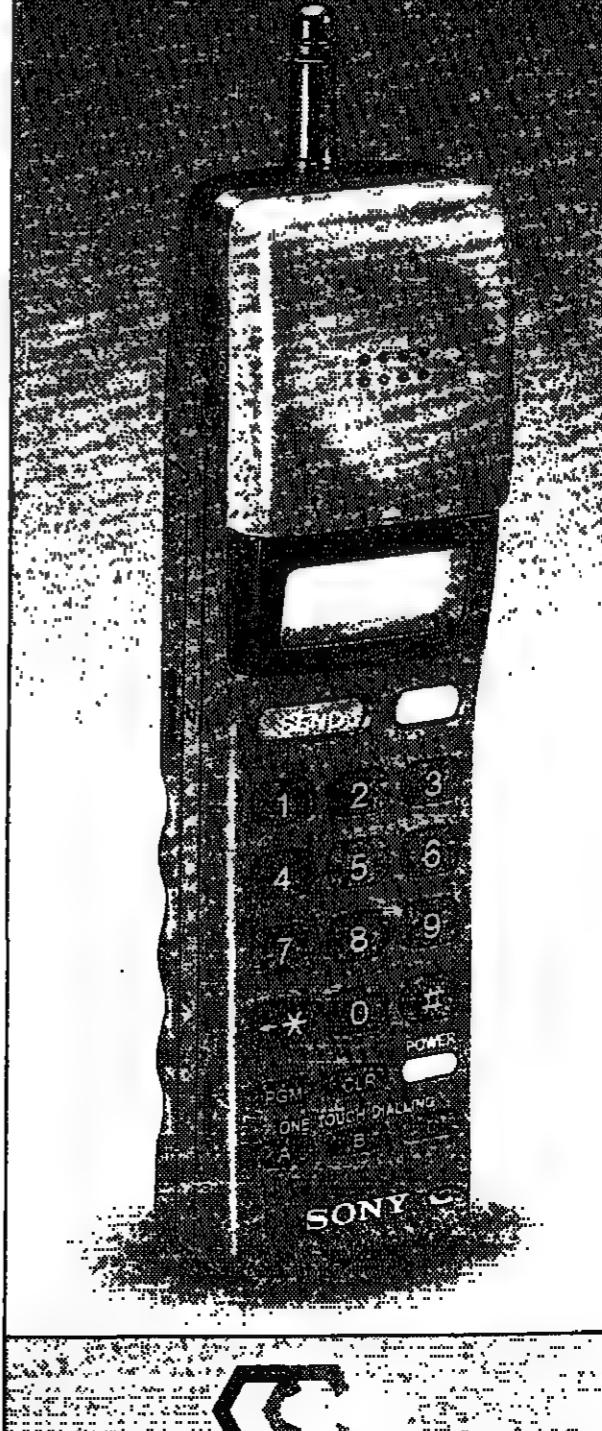
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ANC changes tack to accept power sharing with whites

The ANC has opted for compromise over confrontation. It is a welcome relief for Pretoria, still dogged by dirty tricks scandals

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

IN A highly significant move, the African National Congress has approved a document agreeing that power-sharing should be a part of its strategy and that provision should be made for servants and soldiers of the white regime in the form of pensions, generous redundancy payments and a general amnesty.

The statement was welcomed yesterday by David Steward, the government's spokesman, at a press conference here. Mr Steward said President de Klerk had spoken in London of the heartening convergence of view of the negotiating parties "and this is another example of that convergence". He said the move would make constitutional progress easier and re-emphasised that it was going to be "very difficult for any single party to govern South Africa in the future".

The ANC document is the result of a long period of debate within the movement over the apparently liberal stance by Joe Slovo, the father figure of the South African Communist Party, and the much more hardline view of Pali Jordan, the non-Marxist head of the ANC's information department.

The document was published after a discussion by the ANC's national working committee, virtually its cabinet. It still has to be approved by the movement's national executive, which has a much broader membership and includes militants from the regions.

The document as so far approved indicates that Mr Slovo's views have made most of the running, and that the opinions he made public in an article in last month's *African Communist* have apparently prevailed. Mr Jordan's con-

trary view, strongly argued in a Johannesburg Sunday newspaper, has evidently not carried the day.

The 2,700-word document first points out that the government and the black liberation movement cannot defeat each other, which is why negotiations began and why they must continue. "The liberation movement suffers many organisational weaknesses," the document says. "It does not command significant military and financial resources; it is unable to militarily defeat the counter-revolutionary movement or adequately defend the people."

It points out that, although the balance of strength has shifted towards the movement, there are now essentially three options facing it. The first is to resume the armed struggle and attempt a revolutionary seizure of power, but the ANC rules this out. Its second option is to undertake protracted negotiations "combined with mass action and international pressure until the balance of forces shifts to such an extent that we can secure a negotiated surrender from the regime".

Instead the document makes clear that the ANC favours a third option, a swift negotiation, implying compromise, that also strengthens national unity against what it calls "counter-revolutionary forces" while achieving a democratic transformation in phases.

The government itself moved yesterday to reject accusations of doing too little too late to pursue enquiries into the growing scandal of high-level military attempts to destabilise the ANC. In the early hours yesterday, after a protracted cabinet meeting,

Mr de Klerk announced the appointment of Lieutenant General Pierre Steyn, chief of the defence staff and the second most senior general in the South African Defence Force, to take command of all defence intelligence arms, the directorate of military intelligence, and the intelligence branches of the army, navy, air force and defence medical service.

The ANC immediately declared that the appointment of Gen Steyn was "similar to passing commissions, where the police have been set up to investigate themselves". Judging from such experiences, it insisted, "the present investigation is a sop to the public and will come to nothing".

The ANC called instead for the investigation into all activities of the different intelligence units to be conducted by an impartial body of experts under Mr Justice Richard Goldstone, who uncovered the intelligence operations against the ANC.

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Water of life: a young Somali refugee, one of the 3,300 who arrived in Yemen after over a week on board a dilapidated freighter, smiles as he carries a bottle of water. Yesterday Ismat Kittani, the United Na-

tions envoy on Somalia, said that a UN humanitarian conference on Somalia would be held in Adis Ababa next month at which the leaders of the country's warring factions would meet with donors. (APAF)

Pakistan widens ban on Bhutto

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN ISLAMABAD

BENAZIR Bhutto, the former prime minister of Pakistan, was banned yesterday from entering the North West Frontier Province and also effectively barred from going anywhere in Punjab.

The moves were the latest round in the government's heavy-handed and violent reaction to their threats to lead anti-government demonstrations. The unrest is being watched closely but discreetly by the army, which has no apparent desire to intervene unless the situation runs out of control. It has ruled Pakistan for 24 of the state's 45 years of existence.

The government is attempting to confine Miss Bhutto to her home base of Karachi, where she can do little to threaten Nawaz Sharif, the prime minister. Nevertheless, she announced plans to lead a rally today in Peshawar, capital of the North West Frontier Province, raising the prospect of further violence. Security officials said she would not be allowed to go.

Increased political instability now seems likely to spread to every region of the country. The coming days will determine whether Miss Bhutto can muster enough mass support to threaten Mr Sharif's position. The banning orders from Punjab and the frontier region are

designed to take away her most potent weapon, popular power.

But even if the current campaign fizzles out, as well it might, Mr Sharif's authority has already been diminished by the violent tactics employed against his opponents. Western diplomats expressed astonishment at the over-reaction.

Similar methods were employed again yesterday when police used lorries to block access to a house in Islamabad where opposition leaders were planning their next moves. In another clampdown the police arrested 11 members of the Human Rights Commission, an independent body, who arrived to investigate the past few days' events in Islamabad.

The excesses of the security forces have seemed more in keeping with past military dictatorships than of an elected government. The turmoil is bound to unsettle further the already unstable provinces of Sind and Baluchistan, and even Punjab, Mr Sharif's home territory.

Foreign investors will be scared off by the new instability. That is disastrous news at a time when Pakistan is already suffering from the loss of American aid because of its refusal to curb its nuclear programme.

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Hong Kong defies China as airport plan goes ahead

By CATHERINE SAMPSON
IN PEKING AND
DAVID WATTS IN LONDON

HONG KONG yesterday launched the first key construction stage of its airport in spite of lack of full agreement with Peking on the £13.5 billion project.

Government officials in Hong Kong emphasised that the decision to seek £820 million from the Legislative Council to fund the first land reclamation contract was not an attempt to go it alone on the project. There is still no agreement between the British and Chinese governments on the overall funding of the airport which, the Chinese complain, will leave the colony in debt after its reversion to the mainland in 1997.

The Hong Kong government has made sure that the new contract will not involve any borrowings to which the Chinese can object. "We still regard as a top priority the reaching of an agreement with China on sensible financing for the project," Hamish MacLeod, the Hong Kong financial secretary, was quoted as saying. "This is not a go-it-alone. We have been very careful to choose the least confrontational way of proceeding."

As he spoke, Peking accused the foreign press of misquoting Zhu Rongji, the deputy prime minister, when he seemed to threaten in London earlier this week that China

■ Chris Patten's disagreements with Peking show no sign of abating. The colony is pressing on regardless with its plans for the construction of a new airport



might abandon the joint declaration, which protects Hong Kong's way of life after 1997. But Peking did not seek to clarify the ambiguity in Mr Zhu's remarks, and confusion deepened as a foreign ministry spokesman failed to repeat China's usual statement of commitment to the joint declaration.

A reading of the transcript of Mr Zhu's remarks indicated that his comments could have been intended merely to draw attention to a perceived lack of commitment to the joint agreement by the British government.

People's Daily quoted Liu Yutong, a Hong Kong member of China's parliament, as saying the misinterpretation of Mr Zhu's remarks was "intentional rumour-mongering". Ms Liu is a Peking appointee to the body who delights in taunting the British.

Remarks were at best ambiguous, and that ambiguity may have been intended by Peking.

It would not be the first time that Peking has made veiled threats and then protested that its words were innocent. Certainly Peking would not be displeased if Mr Zhu, however unintentionally, increased unease in Hong Kong about Mr Patten's democratisation plans.

The stock market plunge after Mr Zhu's remarks was interpreted by Peking as reflecting Hong Kong's worries about bad relations with China caused by Mr Patten's proposals. Diplomats point out that Peking would gain nothing from abandoning the joint declaration because it would mean starting from scratch with negotiations for the handing over of the British colony to Chinese rule.

Whether Mr Zhu intended to raise doubts about China's commitment to the joint declaration, his words have had the effect of widening the war of nerves raging between Peking and Mr Patten. In the latest salvo in its furious campaign against Mr Patten, a Peking newspaper attacked his strategy of broadening international support for his plans. The United States, Canada and Australia have supported Mr Patten's plans for electoral reform.

Ta Kung Pao, a Peking-controlled newspaper, said Britain had to liaise and co-operate with China on the handing over. "Patten, on the contrary, has run to the international community to seek support and encouragement. Any government leader with the slightest sense of justice will not offer their support," it said.

■ Taiwan deal: Taipei newspapers reported that America could deliver 30 fewer F16 fighters to Taiwan after the island signed a deal for 60 Mirage 2000-5 aircraft from France. But the US lifted a 13-year ban on ministerial visits, and said Carla Hills, trade representative, would arrive for economic talks next month. China last night threatened to regulate if France approved the jet sale.

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Husain breaks a royal taboo

The King's intimation of mortality has upset Jordan. Christopher Walker writes

King Husain, the Sandhurst-trained Jordanian leader, has sent a violent tremor through his kingdom by hinting for the first time at his own mortality and opening the floodgates to speculation about the succession.

Western governments, who have admitted him back into the fold after anger at Jordan's pro-Iraqi stand in the Gulf war, make no secret of their anxiety that the stability of the Hashemite kingdom is vital to the future of the Middle East peace process.

As the survivor of at least 11 assassination attempts, the dapper king, who took over from his father at the age of 17, opened a debate on the future of his realm with a speech he delivered here on November 5, in which he said: "The life of an enlightened people cannot be measured by the life of an individual. One recognises that every living soul will meet its destined end."

Many Arabs who heard his emotional oration felt it seemed like a farewell message, a notion that senior Jordanian officials reject. Even two months ago the subject was taboo. Ramzi Khouri, a prominent journalist who raised it in his newspaper column, received death threats from angry readers.

The medical reality of the last several years ... cannot and should not be ignored," Mr Khouri wrote in the *Jordan Times* on September 8. "Is this the moment when King Husain and Jordan should start contemplating the manner and nature of a transition to a post-Husain era?"

Mr Khouri hinted that a transfer to a constitutional monarchy might be possible. Others have since cited Britain, Sweden and Spain as possible role models.

Today, as the king continued official celebrations of his 57th birthday and prepared to leave next month for the United States to attend the first in a series of check-ups after his recent cancer operation, the succession has become the subject of frenzied discussion. The prospect of not having the monarch at the helm is a nightmare for many of his 3.5 million subjects. They are split between a Palestinian majority and a minority of East Bank Arabs, many of whom fear that the country may eventually become a Palestinian state.

"We would be like a family without a head and it is terrifying just to think of it," said Muhammad Karaki, a civil engineer whose fears reflected widespread popular concern. "He is the thread that holds the Jordanian family together. Truly, there is no one like him."

Middle East impasse outlasts year of talks

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

MIDDLE East negotiators wrapped up their seventh round of peace talks in Washington yesterday with little to show for more than a year of dialogue and few prospects of an immediate breakthrough.

Although Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli prime minister, and President Mubarak of Egypt marked the 15th anniversary of the late Anwar Sadat's historic visit to Jerusalem with a morale-boosting chat yesterday, even the most optimistic observer was hard-pressed to find anything encouraging in the latest Arab-Israeli talks.

The process can only move forward once Bill Clinton's administration is in place. Candidates backing Seffor Fujimori lead in opinion polls. They are expected to gain an overwhelming majority, as the president's popularity has soared since security forces captured Abimael Guzman, the Shining Path's ideological leader, in September.

Senior Fujimori, the son of Japanese immigrants, called the elections six months after Sunday's elections in which 11 million voters will choose an 80-seat constituent assembly, a new chamber of congress that will legislate and also rewrite the constitution, come amid a campaign of terror by Shining Path guerrillas in Lima which has killed five people in two days.

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he seized dictatorial powers in April and abolished the previous congress and the judicial system with the backing of the military. He justified his moves as being the only way to clamp down on a corruption-ridden system. He has used military emergency powers to wage war on the guerrillas.

"Nearly all the parties taking part in the election are new and without previous experience. People do not know who or what they are voting for," says Roberto Rospigliosi, a sociologist. Of the 18 parties only the centre-right Popular Christian Party is an established one, although its leaders have refused to participate in the elections.

An array of independents representing agricultural or industrial interests are taking part, but none is expected to present much opposition to the Cambio 90-Nueva Mayor alliance which is made up of the president's closest allies, friends and family.

Israel has held regular bilateral meetings since October 1991 with Syria, Lebanon and a joint Palestinian-Jordanian team, aimed primarily at granting self-rule to the 1.8 million Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied territories and achieving a "land for peace" deal with Syria.

For the first time since the Labour-led Israeli coalition government came to power in June, promising to revitalise the stalled talks, Professor Yitzhak Rabin, the new head of Israel's negotiating team with Syria, described Damascus's position as "a recipe for stalemate".

Efforts to hammer out an agreement on the transfer of Israeli military rule to Palestinian self-government over a five-year period have led nowhere, essentially because Palestinians insist they want to establish a state and the Israelis are willing to offer only limited autonomy.

Mr Rabin admitted the talks would take longer than expected, but added: "If it takes another half-year, year, or an additional year we will get there." His prognosis has failed to convince many Israelis, who are coming to the conclusion that the process needs to be speeded up if it can ever hope to deliver peace.

Peru poll will test faith in Fujimori

FROM GABRIELLA GAMINI IN LIMA

MOST Peruvians who go to the polls this weekend to choose a new congress will worry less about the quality of the candidates than whether President Fujimori will deliver his promise to crush Maoist guerrillas and the drug traffickers.

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Hard lessons, statistically speaking

After a life of energetic public service, the buoyant Sir Claus Moser, 70 next week, remains optimistic about the ills of his adopted country.

Do not ring the bell", it says on the from door of the Warden's Lodge at Wadham College, Oxford, "unless you expect an answer." I rang. Inside, Sir Claus Moser was between meetings. He sits on 30 or 40 boards, commissions, committees, trusts and governing bodies a life of sitting, chairing, producing reports. He will be 70 next Tuesday, but the statistician who first introduced us to *Social Trends* in 1957 remains enthralled by questions like: what sort of society do we want? And how should education best serve that society?

Statistics and education: you would think Sir Claus would be the first to welcome yesterday's league tables on exam results — but a statistician requires more sophisticated information. "We cannot compare school A with school B without additional details," he says. These may prove that school B, whose results look poor, has done more to improve its pupils than school A, with its top-notch catchment.

When Sir Claus made his British Association speech, two years ago, about Britain becoming "one of the least adequately educated of all the advanced nations", it began his National Commission on Education. His speech had already identified the glaring problem: a national turp, a failure to connect learning with opportunity, except perhaps in Scotland, or among Jewish and Asian communities, where there is the self-help motivation to work hard.

Two years on, he had spent all Tuesday with the commission, and we talked about education for 40 minutes, but if I were to list the themes they would seem worryingly familiar, even platitudeous. Money needed, for books, school buildings, teachers' salaries. "You can't talk about the delights of learning, when thousands of children can't experience it." The need of industry "to offer the educated child a better starting salary than the less-educated child, or parents won't encourage children to stay on". Wasn't it just glaringly superfluous to report, as Sheffield University did this week, that the children of professional parents in any school, outperform children of manual workers? And isn't it immutable?

"I am an optimist," he says. "I wanted this commission to get some way towards a change in attitude. I wanted education to be higher on the political agenda, and

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my goodness that has happened: though I wish some aspects of the classroom, like the curriculum and 'standards', weren't so much a political ping-pong game."

The cruel fact is that, 30 years after the Robbins committee (on which he sat) laid the foundations for a dramatic rise in higher education — from 7 per cent to 20 per cent of school-leavers today — the ratio of students from poorer backgrounds to those from better-off backgrounds remains exactly the same. And what about the depressing lack of prospects of jobs for even the best graduates?

His optimism continues. "In ten years there will be virtually no unskilled jobs: most new jobs will be brain jobs, needing graduate qualifications. By then, one in three will go into higher education." As David Sainsbury said, what we need is a generally more educated population.

The commission — with members from industry, banking, the law and so on — will report next year. The calibre of and respect for the teaching profession will be central. "My father said to me in 1936: 'If you decide not to go into the family bank, you might think of schoolteaching.' It was held up as something prestigious, and rather difficult to get into unless one was really bright. My hope is that that one day that might be the case again in Britain."

Sir Claus seems driven by the need to give something back to his adoptive country. He has often spoken movingly about his schooldays in Berlin, when the teacher's "Heil Hitler" was a daily humiliation. In 1936, his parents sent him to Eversham Heights, the co-educational boarding school. After the war he sailed, via the London School of Economics (LSE); the Central Statistical Office, the Royal Opera House and Rothschild's bank into the British establishment.

He met Mary, his half-Swiss artist wife, at the LSE and married her 46 years ago.

After reading Ruth Gledhill's article on the British Jews in *The Times Saturday Review* last week, he is forthcoming in defence of marrying out of the faith.

"Being Jewish is central to me. I wouldn't be sitting here if I weren't Jewish. I'd be in Berlin in the bank. I love being involved in Jewish matters, and I feel good," as committed a Jew as most Orthodox Jews. I have this divisiveness." He goes irregularly to the West London synagogue that the much-admired Rabbi Hugo Gryn. "One



"I wish some aspects of the classroom, like the curriculum and 'standards', weren't so much a political ping-pong game": Sir Claus Moser on British education

is a Jew because one was born a Jew." But as one who declares, "I owe my very happy and interesting life to this country", the thought of the Bosnians in Austria refused entry to Britain fills him with grief and shame. "This is the age of the refugee," he says. "It is one of the worst things that can happen to a person, apart from torture. I realised as I got older what it had meant to my parents to be warmly received here. And look at the luck I've had: Chairman of the Royal Opera House, Head of government department. To allow that to a refugee: terrific, a wonderful record for Britain, supposedly a xenophobic country."

The 70,000 who came from Germany and Austria in the 1930s have enriched British life, and received a hell of a lot back. I know this is idealistic talk, the arms cannot be opened 180 degrees — but they can be opened much wider than they are now. What we are doing at the moment is pathetic." He cites the Israelis taking in 70,000 Russian Jews, "struggling to make these Russians part of their society. But somehow it will be done."

Having returned to the Labour fold at the last election (from an interlude with the SDP), he is unsurprisingly pro-European. Could he, as a statistician, phrase a question to discover how close to the rest of Europe people really feel? "Well, we had a referendum under Mr Heath, one of my revered bosses. And that was the moment I had real hope. He had somehow managed to raise our sights as a nation above the trivial. On Europe, leadership is all-important. If only our

leaders managed to convey to us the grandeur of the wider European vision in a truly passionate way — instead of getting buried in the trivial regulations of Maastricht, which I find deeply depressing — the public would respond more positively. I never thought I would hear all that anti-German stuff coming out again. "One thing in my life remains very Germanic," he says. "Once a year, I review my life in a notebook, writing what I would like to happen next year. There came a year, after Rothschild's, when I wrote that what I would really love would be to become the head of an Oxford college."

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worries that they feel lonely when they come up, but what I find is that they worry about their parents being lonely."

He is such an inveterate listmaker he makes lists of lists, obsessive about always writing on a clean piece of paper. "I sometimes think I am going bananas, being involved in too many things. I am a workaholic, I like every day to be filled.

But I ought to have been more concentrated. I am quite often late for meetings, or have to leave early, or haven't read the relevant papers properly. I am greatly looking forward to withdrawing from things, and doing a few things better."

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music at home. My 60th was a concert in the crush bar at Covent Garden. And here I am at 70, in Oxford, having a concert in the Sheldonian." He will play some Mozart with "a very famous pianist" (his three children turning the pages) before a few hundred friends.

He always found it hard to say no to a committee, feeling flattered to be asked.

"One kids one's self that they will be desolated if one says no, but they just say 'We understand', and one realises there are 1,000 other people out there they could ask. One is totally dispensable. It has taken me to the age of 70 to realise that."

It is because, as a refugee, he wanted to prove he could be as good as anyone else?

There is a bit of that I have always been ambitious. If one is from outside, even if one has become almost totally British, one is not English by origin, but mid-European, and, unconsciously, I take an extraordinary pride in what has happened to me, and have a slight desire to go on proving myself."

Feminism's new British launch stands by the old radical values

Among the spawnings of the 1960s was a raft of "alternative publications". Now strictly yesterday's papers, they dear variously with the perennial delights of dope and sex and rock 'n' roll — and as the era advanced — with the new sexual politics, otherwise known as women's and gay lib. A motley crew, they tended to millennial hyperbole and idiosyncratic design. They had few advertisements, lacked gloss and, it must be said, readers.

Then came *Ms*, named after the new honorific, a term that carried much the same resonance as "bra-burner". *Ms* came "up from under" as they used to say, in 1972, the brainchild of Gloria Steinem, a woman noted mainly until then for being sufficiently attractive to pose as a Playboy bunny for a piece of investigative hacking. Steinem did for the new women what Helen Gurley Brown had done for the single girl ten years earlier with *Cosmopolitan*. The mane of streaky blonde hair, the mini-skirts, the aviator glasses: men were blinded by the picture, but women — more and more of them — picked up the message.

Ms had little to offer lesbian separatists, but they weren't the constituency. It was custom-built for the fringe: keen, fairly hip but not quite committed; for women wanting to dip a tentative toe into the current of the new movement. *Ms* was just what was needed. It wasn't *Spare Rib* or *Red Rag* or one of those unconvincing combative journals. It was *Cosmo*, as it were, with under-arm hair. It had the right articles — a little equal rights, a little job satisfaction, a little non-sexist sexuality — but it also had those ads in which the usual idealised beauties, albeit pictured in "liberated" jobs, puffed the cigarettes that said "You've come a long way, baby".

In fairness it had cred. Twenty years ago, in a world

Twenty years on: hit or Ms?



The old *Ms* wasn't *Spare Rib* — more *Cosmo* with under-arm hair

Image changer: Robin Morgan

WH Smith is a very different creation from the original.

By the end of the 1980s it had reached, as its editor-in-chief Robin Morgan puts it, "a hiatus". Ms Steinem was an *eminent rose*, fast vanishing into her current obsession, as evidenced in her recent book, *Revolution from Within*: groups based on those "twelve-point plans" that began with Alcoholics Anonymous and now cover dopers, sexaholics, gamblers and other on-going American neuroses.

Ms Morgan says: "When we relaunched, we said proudly that we had done away with slick paper and slick thinking. We don't do fashion or wine. *Ms* readers want facts, statistical ammunition with which to argue, news about feminism, stories where you have an intersection between the personal and the political, role-model lives."

That all changed in 1990. New owners, a new editor, and a whole new attitude.

Nineties Ms is closer to *Spare Rib*: women of colour, men of conscience, mothers "mentoring" daughters (and vice versa), sexual harassment, toxic tampons and all the issues.

The problem for *Ms UK*, however, is not quality but quantity. At £2.95 it's expensive, even every two months, but as Ms Morgan points out it's not so much a magazine as a "magabook".

"It's much more of a small anthology that comes out every eight weeks than a magazine. Women are definitely getting a good read for their money."

Ms is selling 200,000 copies in America, but are there enough potential readers here? After all we have our own feminist publications.

"*Spare Rib* and *Everywoman* I admire, I'm a fan. In no way, shape or form do we see ourselves as being in competition with them. On the contrary, we hope to support them, and use people who write for them. But considering that women are a majority of the population, surely there's room for all three."

The bottom line of course is content. Issue one is indeed international, but the British coverage boils down to a short piece on Lady Diana and similar women-only transport Earth shaking! Hardly. Promised are profiles of lawyer Helena Kennedy, Labour's Margaret Beckett and other heavyweights. There will also be space for a pair of women less widely associated with "liberation". Read this, *Hello!* and weep.

"When you talk about Di and Fergie, most feminists say 'Oh my God, the royals how irrelevant'. But here are two women who married into a powerful family and suddenly found out that their entire lives had been prescribed — if these were two ordinary women then it would be very different and the feminist sympathy juices would flow."

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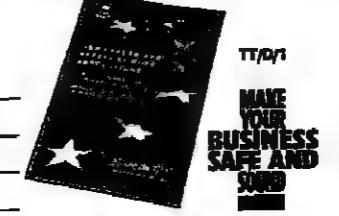
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Graham Leonard, former Bishop of London, outlines his plan to forge a relationship with the Roman Catholics

Ever since the Reformation, the Church of England has claimed to be the Catholic Church in this country. Whether or not that claim is justified, it is one which is reflected in its title-deeds, the Book of Common Prayer, the Ordinal and the 39 Articles.

That claim has been based upon four pillars, which in the last century were summed up in the Lambeth Quadrilateral as expressing the doctrinal basis of Anglicanism. These four pillars are Scripture, as interpreted by tradition, the creeds, the sacraments and the ordained ministry.

In recent years each of these pillars has been undermined and has begun to crumble away. The theological implications of the recent decision of the General Synod have caused their collapse.

With regard to Scripture, the traditional position of the Anglican Church has been that nothing can be required of belief for eternal salvation but that which may be concluded and proved by Scripture. Those who support the ordination of women to the priesthood have not sought to claim such sanction for it but have had to invoke contemporary fashion and call upon secular support.

How to leave the Church of England

There is in the legislation a built-in mechanism to ensure that the majority view will prevail. Few people realise, for example, that it will be illegal for the prime minister to nominate as a bishop a priest who cannot accept women priests.

The Archbishop of Canterbury is reported as having made two astonishing statements. The first is that the "ordination of women to the priesthood alters not a word of the Scriptures, the Creeds, or the faith of our Church". Such a statement can be made only on the basis of Humpty Dumpty's use of words. "When I use a word," Humpty Dumpty said in a rather scornful tone, "it means just what I choose it to mean — neither more nor less."

The second statement is that "there is no connection between the ordination of women to the priesthood and feminism". Has Dr Carey not read any of the literature supporting the ordination of women in which the connection is explicitly made?

The second point is that we must not become a sect. That, in fact, is what the Church of England has become by its unilateral action. We must seek to be admitted to the communion of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church and to do so not just as individuals but as a body of those who are committed to orthodox belief and practice.

It is this second point which in my judgment, rules out the first option, namely that of allying ourselves with one or other of the so-called "continuing Churches"

sympathetic; they are so closely related in this country to the indigenous churches of which they are part that it is difficult to see this as a realistic possibility.

The third option is to seek relationship with the Roman Catholic Church. This we would have to do as applicants and without presumption, asking if a way could be found for us somehow to preserve our Anglican identity while being in communion with the See of Peter. I do not think that it is for us to suggest how this might be achieved. We can only hope and pray that the Vicar of the Diocese of London will in England will give sympathetic consideration to any possibility of a way forward.

We know of the provisions for the Anglican Rite in the US though little of how it works in practice. It may be that with some modifications it could be adapted for this country. There is the provision in the Code of Canon Law for plenary indulgences. We are aware that so far this has operated only in respect

of Opus Dei, but the code envisages a wider use.

However, the canon which gives us most encouragement is canon 572, having referred to the territorial nature of dioceses, paragraph two reads as follows: "If, however, in the judgement of the supreme authority in the Church, after consultation with the episcopal conferences concerned, it is thought helpful, there may be established in a given territory particular Churches distinguished by the rite of the faithful or by some other similar quality."

The situation which has arisen in the Church of England will bear particularly hard upon the younger clergy who cannot accept women priests and for whom there can be no future. But it will also bear very heavily upon the orthodox laity. It may be that for a time their local Anglican priest will be orthodox, in which case they will be able to remain in their parish church. But the time will come when they will not be able to find one where they

can do so in good conscience. It would be of the greatest benefit to such people, if possible as an interim measure, that they could be permitted to make their communion in the local Catholic Church.

There is, of course, the question of Anglican Orders, which does present a problem for many orthodox Anglican clergy. Out of pastoral care for those to whom they have ministered, they would find it very difficult to accept that their ministrations are deemed utterly null and void.

However, there are responsible people in the Roman Catholic Church who suggest that although the Bull *Apostolicae Curae* applied to the situation existing in 1896, subsequent developments — and particularly the participation of old Catholic bishops in Anglican consecrations — could warrant a different response, at least for those ordained since then.

I would want to stress that we are not asking for recognition to continue an Anglican ministry, but as those who have accepted the magisterium and are in communion with the Holy See.

The author was Bishop of London 1981-1991.



Graham Leonard

which exist in the US, Canada, Australia, England and elsewhere.

While I admire them for having the courage of their convictions, it cannot be denied that, depending so much upon personalities, they seem to lead to further division.

A second option is to seek hospitality from the Eastern Orthodox Churches. While they are very

The line between life and death

Alan Ryan on the agonising moral dilemmas posed by the Bland case

Yesterday the High Court agreed that Tony Bland, who was crushed in the Hillsborough tragedy, and has been comatose ever since, may have his feeding tubes withdrawn and be allowed to die. The Official Solicitor has appealed against the judgment, arguing that Tony Bland's doctors will be murdering him by withdrawing treatment.

There is every chance that the case will reach the House of Lords. It confronts British lawyers and doctors with an issue that American courts have been struggling with for years — how to draw a line between what doctors may and may not do when the time has come to let their patients die. At one extreme stand orthodox Catholic teaching and right-to-life groups like Operation Rescue, arguing that the traditional prohibition against intentionally killing the innocent is all we need, and at the other, the Hemlock Society, and the voters of California who on November 3 narrowly failed to legalise doctor-assisted suicide in their state.

Comatose patients are often unable to survive at all without life support machinery; feeding alone will not sustain life. Their ordinary bodily functions need mechanical help. Guidelines that tell us to keep "normal treatment" going as long as the patient is alive, but to abandon "extraordinary means" when they are obviously doing no good are adequate for such cases. American hospitals prolong the use of extraordinary measures because of a fear of being sued for not trying hard enough, and families sometimes have to take them to court to get them to stop, but the American Medical Association guidelines are clear enough in such cases. It is when we get to Nancy Cruzan, who was injured in a car crash and died after three years of battles in the courts, and Tony Bland that it gets more difficult.

Like Nancy Cruzan, Tony Bland is in a "persistent vegetative state" (PVS), which means that his body functions without mechanical help, but there is no prospect of his regaining consciousness. However, he needs no more than nutrition to stay alive. Merely feeding someone would not in most people's views count as "extraordinary treatment" but withdrawing feeding can have only one effect, killing the patient, and that is the point of the withdrawal. Unlike the "extraordinary" case, where the

Woodstock in Washington

Ben Macintyre predicts bad music, worse clothes and not enough soap as the baby-boomers taste power



I am standing the Sixties was an era of bad music, worse clothes, self-obsession, too much facial hair and not enough soap.

The Sixties ethic, which looks set to mark the Clinton presidency will be a marked improvement on the mod-hall atmosphere of the Reagan-Bush years, when youth was almost never mentioned, possibly because they couldn't remember it. Mutton dressed as lamb is still better than mutton dressed as mutton. But the Democratic campaign constantly harked back to the Sixties — even down to Kennedy-esque sessions with a football — and the next four years seem certain to be suffused with the indigent faux-youth of men and women who were told to stay

forever young in the Sixties and listened.

Power and success do not always sit comfortably with hip. James Carville, Bill Clinton's political consultant and chief apologist of the Democratic campaign, made a point of wearing jeans to press conferences. As a sign of a rebellious spirit this was all very well, but the jeans were always spotters with a razor-sharp crease in them from the dry-cleaners. Grown-up rebels don't do their own ironing.

The Clinton administration-elect is already making strenuous efforts to distinguish itself from an ageing regime painted as indigent and old-fashioned. Thus, in the interests of economy, Bill Clinton travelled to Washington this week on

an elderly-chartered jet instead of the military plane offered by the president and elected to stay in a hotel rather than Blair House, the traditional guesthouse for visiting dignitaries. The extra security round around the Hay Adams Hotel will cost American taxpayers rather more in the end, but it is the image that counts.

Americans now in their forties seem particularly prone to the misapprehension that they, and only they, discovered that sex is fun, war is hell and wearing strange clothes bugs the heck out of adults. The Sixties generation was just as vapid and committed and rebellious as any other post-war group, but only it seems to feel the need to go on about it. People my age do

so, too. Bill Clinton, of course, is more committed to the Sixties vote than Stiles does (while Jim Carter was memorising all of Bob Dylan's lyrics, young Bill was already busy policy-working — fretting over issues), but that has not prevented many of his generation feeling vindicated by his election. Some have taken the result as a personal compliment. "It's awesome to see somebody who looks like me, and who has been given this tremendous burden," Jim Wrenner told *The New York Times* recently, adding modestly, "I feel it all the more because I could be in those shoes."

But for others, raised on the assumptions that you cannot trust anyone over 20, the election of 46-year-old Bill Clinton has produced a rapid-ageing process like that moment in the film *She* when Ursula Andress walks into the immortal frame in a bid for eternal youth and turns into a poppadom.

Garrison Keillor, the commanding radio commentator and author muttered last week: "President dems have always been old guys in suits with ropey necks. I'm 20 years younger than the President, and now suddenly in January, I'll be one year older than the president. Do you know how that feels?"

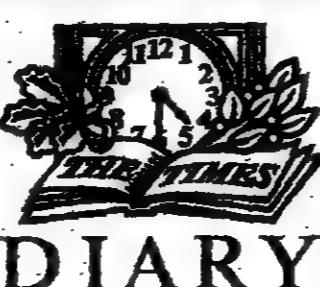
No, I don't. But please, don't tell me about it.

Brooke's hall of fun

PETER Brooke's quiet determination appears to have succeeded where David Mellor's blustering style failed. After a search of more than seven months, the new minister has found luxurious new headquarters for the national heritage department bang in the centre of London's West End. The department is on the verge of signing up 68,000 sq ft of prime office space in Trafalgar Place, Cockspur Street, a stone's throw from the National Gallery, the Royal Academy of Arts and half a dozen West End theatres, not to mention a short drive down Whitehall.

The 350 civil servants who will make the move are already celebrating. Under Mellor's leadership they had strongly resisted a move to Canary Wharf and other out-of-the-way locations. But given the keen interest of the Treasury, which will pick up the bill, few had dared expect such a smart location.

Mellor had argued long and hard with his former Treasury colleagues that his new department needed a suitably up-market location. But it is Brooke who has delivered the prime site complete with atrium, air-conditioning and



which had wanted 20,000 sq ft.

The museum's disappointment is as nothing compared with that of the owners of No 1 Knightsbridge, who had hoped to lease their blue-chip address to the department. It is rumoured that the parties had agreed terms but the department changed its mind at the last minute.

Taking advantage of the recession, which many would say the government itself created, Brooke has snapped up the prime space at the bargain price of little more than £20 a sq ft.

Now we know

AFTER the oil campaign claimed Napoleon as a Maastricht supporter in the French referendum, Edmund Burke, a noted opponent of the French Revolution, was

claimed this week as the patron saint of the anti-Maastricht lobby. The man most Tories regard as the founder of modern British political thinking would have opposed the treaty, according to Lord Rees-Mogg, the former editor of *The Times*, who told the Edmund Burke Society at the Reform Club this week: "Burke would not have given his consent to the treaty and would not have agreed in the House of Commons to its ratification. He would have thought it a Utopian idea."

Worse was to come when Noel Coward was due to speak. The previous night he collapsed at the Phoenix Theatre. Robert Morley, the first-choice stand-in, promptly fell down the stairs. On the morning of the lunch, Dame Sybil Thorndike, the third choice, cancelled through illness. "It was the first time I feared we would not have a speaker," Foyle recalls.

"Then Charlie Chaplin, who had not even replied to our invitation, walked through the door. He saved the day."

● Non-alcoholic drinks do not have a huge market in the Irish Republic — which is perhaps why the recent dramatic fall in the price of

soft drinks there went largely unnoticed. Those who did notice assumed it was something to do with the fluctuations in the European currency markets. The price cut is a direct result of the Boer War, which our Irish cousins, it seems, have suddenly realised ended some time ago. They have just abolished the

15 per cent excise duty, introduced

in 1899 to help the British effort in

the Orange Free State and the

Transvaal during the war.

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Players, about Hastings Banda's appalling rule in Malawi. The British Council led the appeals to the BBC to withdraw it, much to the film-makers' chagrin, and the finger has been pointed firmly at the novelist P.D. James, who is not only a governor of the BBC but is also on the British Council board.

Baroness James denies being the instigator. "It is with great reluctance that one agrees to a film being dropped," she says. "We received powerful advice from the British Council. I believe the right decision was made. It was taken not by me but by the BBC at the highest level. It is a pernicious game in Malawi. Nevertheless, because of the advice we received, it was right that the programme was not shown."

One who disagrees is Nigel Williams, the programme's editor. "I stand by my programme," he says. "I hope it can be shown at the earliest opportunity. P.D. James and I had a frank but friendly discussion. We agreed to differ."

Ironically, the subject of next week's *Bookmark* is P.D. James and the interviewer is Williams. "We had to postpone that, too, but for different reasons," Williams says. "We had intended to put it out at the same time as her last book, but we thought it might look like a plug for one of the bosses."



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November 19: The Queen held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning.

Sir Geoffrey de Deney was received by Her Majesty upon relinquishing his appointment as Clerk of the Privy Council.

November 19: The Prince Edward, Chairman, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, this evening gave a Reception for the Diary Committee at Buckingham Palace.

November 19: The Princess Royal, President, International Equestrian Federation arrived this afternoon at Royal Air Force Lyneham from Italy.

Mrs Timothy Holderness was in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE
November 19: Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother was present this morning at a Service in Westminster Abbey for the Westminster Children's Hospital.

The Hon. Mrs Rhodes and Sir Alastair Aird were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 19: The Prince of Wales this morning attended the Department of the Environment/European Commission Conference on European Business and the Environment - The Future - at the European Commission, Brussels.

His Royal Highness subsequently attended a Meeting with the Directors General and Officials of the Environment and Agriculture Directorates.

Afterwards the Prince of Wales attended a Lunch given by the President of the Commission of the European Communities (Monseigneur Jacques Delors).

His Royal Highness later visited the Lutyns/Coates Exhibition organised by the British Council and the Fondation d'Architecture. Finally, the Prince of Wales visited the Rue de Laeken reconstruction project, and met

Architects and others involved with the project.

Commander Richard Aylard was in attendance.

November 19: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, Patron, Poetry and Glass Trades Benevolent Institution, was present this evening at a Reception given by the Institution at the Glaziers' Hall.

The Countess Alexander of Tu-

nis was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
November 19: The Duke of Kent, President of the Royal United Services Institute, today received Group Captain David Bolton, RAF (Retired), Director of the Institute.

The Duke of Kent, President of the Football Association, this evening presented the Torch Trophy Awards at Simpsons (Piccadilly) Limited, London W1.

Commander Roger Walker, RN was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent this morning opened Gloucester Court for the elderly before going on to open the West Suffolk Hospital's New Kitchen and Dining Room.

Her Royal Highness later attended a lunch for the Suffolk Association of Youth at Thurnham Magna, Suffolk.

Mrs David Nipper was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE, RICHMOND PARK
November 19: Princess Alexandra, Patron, this afternoon visited the Elizabeth FirzRoy Homes at Grayshott and Lis and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Hampshire Sir James Scott, Bt.

The Lady Mary Mumford was in attendance.

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh celebrate the 45th anniversary of their marriage today.

Memorial services

Mr Michael Mordimer Wheeler A memorial service for Mr Michael Mordimer Wheeler was held yesterday in Lincoln's Inn Chapel. The Rev Felix V.A. Boyce officiated.

Mr Michael Corkery, QC, treasurer, read the lesson and Sir Christopher Slade gave an address.

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The Princess Royal will present the prize certificates to the winners of the Tree Council's Royal Anniversary Tree schools competition at 35 Belgrave Square at 11.45.

Today's royal engagements

The Prince of Wales, as patron, the Abbeyfield Society, will visit the Abbeyfield Fifehaven Society's house at Heath View, Northwich Road, Fakenham, at 10.25; and as president, the Prince's Youth Business Trust and the Prince's Trust will meet grant recipients and volunteers at Tolls and Harvey Limited, King's Lynn, at 11.40.

The Princess Royal will open the new Rehabilitation Housing Development, Blifland Drive, Ruthill, Glasgow, at 9.15 for the Maryhill Housing Association; as Patron of Citizens Advice Scotland, will open

the bureau's new premises at 45 George Street, Paisley, Renfrew, at 10.30; and, as Patron of the Butter Trust, will visit HM Prison Greenock, Galeside, Greenock, at 11.40.

Princess Margaret, as Patron of Tenovus and Tenovus Scotland, will open the magnetic resonance imager suite at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary at 2.30; and, as President of the Royal Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, will attend the Touch of Tarn Ball at the Beach Ballroom, Aberdeen, at 7.45 in aid of the Touch of Tarn Ball at the Beach Ballroom.

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OBITUARIES

DOUGLAS BARRETT

Douglas Eric Barrett, scholar in Indian art, has died aged 75. He was born on March 10, 1917.

DOUGLAS Barrett was an outstanding Keeper of Oriental Antiquities at the British Museum and the most wide-ranging and influential scholar of his generation in the field of Indian art and architecture. Barrett's interest in art appeared while he was still in his teens. As a schoolboy in Oxford he came to the attention of the Keeper of the Ashmolean Museum, who encouraged him to handle objects there. After reading Greats at Oxford, Barrett had a distinguished career in the second world war as a Commando, taking part in a number of landings. Serving in Germany after the war, he oversaw the restitution of Beethoven's piano to its owners and was involved in the recovery of a number of works of art that had been hidden during hostilities.

In 1947 Barrett joined the British Museum and was initially given charge of the Islamic collections. A quick student, he soon produced an authoritative monograph on the Museum's Islamic metalwork.

India, however, was his true love, and it was in this field that he made his greatest contribution to the Museum, as Assistant Keeper under Basil Gray and, from 1969 to



1977, as Keeper of Oriental Antiquities. Barrett's numerous acquisitions, made possible by the timely advent of the Brooke-Sewell Fund, raised the already rich Indian sculpture collections to their present pre-eminence. This meant not only filling gaps with judicious purchases, but ensuring that newly recognised aspects of Indian art were represented by objects of

the proper high standard. Barrett did this supremely well, for he had the eye of a connoisseur — not as common among museum curators as might be thought — as well as the art historian's approach to objects. He was always abreast of scholarship in his field — and frequently led it.

Noted for his skill in negotiations, Barrett managed to acquire a bronze Buddha fig-

ure from both Gandhara and Gupta periods in North India, rare birds indeed. Guided by an unusually eclectic feeling for aesthetic values, he singled out for purchase among Kashmire bronzes a highly distinctive Avalokitesvara, to which he added a delectable ivory and wood panel.

With his love of the Tamil country and his intimate knowledge of the early Cola temples in which most of the finest South Indian bronze sculptures remain housed, Barrett, along with two Indian colleagues, brought the supreme achievements of the Southern bronze-casters to the attention of the world, as well as a small constellation of fine examples to the museum. He was an expert on Indian painting, acquiring a number of excellent pictures and collaborating with Gray on a standard survey work, *Painting of India*. To these and other acquisitions must be added the many gifts to the museum from Barrett himself.

Barrett's first major published work on Indian art was his study of the famous marble reliefs from Amaravati (1954), then being reinstated in the front hall of the museum according to his reconstruction of the Great Stupa they once adorned. This book revealed the intellectual rigour which gave a definitive impact to so much of his writing.

At the same time he met Madhuri Desai, director of his expertise.

the Bhulabhai Memorial Institute, Bombay, and, under her aegis he undertook, almost yearly, eleven tours in India, visiting every area with a distinctive regional tradition at least once. Barrett took to India like a *hamsa* (the Indian goose) to water. Wearing Indian dress, he was on occasion able to enter shrines forbidden to non-Hindus vouchsafed by his companions as a Kashmire Brahmin.

These study tours made Barrett a most discerning and widely informed western historian of Indian art. Outstanding among his writings are *Early Cola Bronzes* (1965) and *Early Cola Architecture and Sculpture* (1974). He also wrote short monographs on several Indian sites. A volume of his collected papers (1990) comprised his early and original work on the bronze and stone sculpture of north-west India and Pakistan; his studies of Deccani art, including further aspects of Amaravati; and articles on South Indian temples and bronzes.

Douglas Barrett married, first, Norah Eleanor Waits, who died in 1975. Cruelly immobilised by a stroke, for two years after his retirement in 1977, he continued to take an active interest in Indian art with the support of his second wife, Mary. She survives him.

To their home came scholars, curators and the paladins of the art trade, who benefited from his expertise.

FREDDIE MOORE

Freddie Moore, jazz drummer, singer and bandleader, died in New York on November 3 aged 92. He was born in Washington, North Carolina, on August 20, 1900.

ALMOST as old as jazz itself, Freddie Moore was one of the pioneers of jazz percussion, playing drums and washboard in a style he learned as a teenager in touring circus and minstrel shows. He made his name as the drummer for Joe "King" Oliver in the early 1930s, convening rehearsals and booking musicians for the legendary cornetist, who at this late stage in his career used a pistol to ensure that attendance at rehearsals was mandatory. "The thing that made the band cook was Freddie Moore's push-drumming... good old New Orleans back beat; drums," recalled Clyde Bernhardi, Oliver's trombonist.

Moore made his first records with Oliver in 1930, including "Rhythm Club Stomp". He had started playing at the age of 12, imitating other drummers and finally being allowed to sit in with the band at the Liberty Stable Ballroom in New Bern, North Carolina, where he grew up. His first professional job was in A. G. Allen's minstrels, whom he joined after working as a delivery boy and in a circus sideshow act, including "Walking Gent" carrying

the band's coat to clean and dry them after street parades in readiness for the evening's show. He ended up taking the place of drummer Joe White, who had taught him percussive technique and trick effects.

The tricks and showmanship were to become hallmarks of Moore's style. "He had good credentials and a good beat," remembered Art Hodes, "and all the time those eyes were rolling. Funny cat."

Leaving the minstrels,

Freddie Moore became a figurehead of the revivalist movement, playing and recording with Art Hodes, Wild Bill Davison and Sidney Bechet. He came to Europe in 1954, sailing the Atlantic with trumpeter Lee Collins, but it was not until he returned to France the following year with Sammy Price that European audiences were able to appreciate fully his old-style playing.

In the 1960s he worked in New York with Tony Parenti and then Roy Eldridge at Ryans, before settling at the Red Blazer where he worked until the late 1980s.

A childhood accident had damaged one of his legs, and in his last years Moore played washboard in preference to drums as he became increasingly lame. Nevertheless he retained his strong beat, and his vocal style. Both came together in his song "Blues and Booze", first recorded in 1945, which audiences over the years came to identify with Moore. "Shoot the juice to me, Lucy. Shoot it to me all night long!"

MARK ROSENBERG

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NEWS

British Rail's black day for jobs

■ The axe fell on nearly 10,000 workers as more firms buckled under the recession. British Rail stunned its workforce with an announcement that it is to shed 5,000 jobs within four months.

The Royal Bank of Scotland is to cut 3,500 staff over the next five years, the finance house Lombard North Central is shedding 400 and Eagle Star insurers are cutting 200 staff. Blue Circle, Britain's biggest cement maker, plans to cut 550 jobs by the middle of next year. Page 1

Hillsborough victim allowed to die

■ An historic High Court ruling that doctors could disconnect the feeding tube keeping Tony Bland, a Hillsborough victim, alive was greeted with overwhelming relief by the parents. Page 1, 3

Report defended

John Major dismissed charges that publication of the first school examination league tables had been "botched" by the government, as Labour demanded the withdrawal of the results. More than 30 schools have complained about inaccuracies in their published results and one is threatening to sue. Page 2

Irish confidence

Albert Reynolds, the Irish prime minister, whose popularity has plummeted since the general election campaign opened two weeks ago, claimed yesterday that the tide is turning in his favour. He pointed to the latest opinion poll as evidence that his party, Fianna Fáil, which had also heavily lost support, has turned the corner. Page 8

Treasure find

Gold and silver objects found in a Suffolk field by a retired gardener with his metal detector may have been described by archaeologists as one of the most spectacular Roman hoards uncovered. Among the treasures Eric Lawes, 69, found were two silver figurines of a human bust and a tigress, silver containers, handfuls of silver spoons and decorative strainers, some with Latin words and the Chi Rho symbol inscribed on them. Page 1, 9

Gatt hope

Top American and European Community negotiators entered a second day of talks in Washington, with both sides in agreement. Page 15

The West Side and Inside story

West Side Story with its show-stopper song "Gee, Officer Krupke" is getting mighty applause in H.M. Prison, Wandsworth. The Jets and Sharks are convicts. They know a lot about falling foul of authority and when they launch into the opening sequence — brawls, tense expletives, a slashing knife — it is like a short fuse to a big explosion. Page 1



Book review: the Whistbread Award winners: (biography) Victoria Glendinning for Trollope; (children's novel) Gillian Cross for The Great Elephant Chase; (first novel) Jeff Torrington for Swing Hammer Swing; (novel) Alasdair Gray for Poor Things; (poetry) Tony Harrison for The Gaze of the Gorgon. Page 8

BUSINESS

Sticking point: Industrial group Wessell, run by two former Hanson employees, launched a hostile £58.2 million takeover bid for Eviode, whose best-known product is Evi-Stik. Page 23

No joke: Euro Disney has failed to match forecasts of a first year profit made when it floated on the stockmarket in October 1989. But shareholders are rewarded with a small dividend. Page 23

Markets: Figures confirming another quarter of recession failed to dent the pound yesterday. Its trade-weighted index closed up 0.3 at 78.4 after a rise from \$1.5240 to \$1.5325 and a slight fall from DM2.4219 to DM2.4155. Shares firmed a little, with the FT-SE 100 Index rising 2.2 points to close at 2706.2. Page 26

SPORTS

Rugby union: Wales prepare for their international against Australia in Cardiff tomorrow with a new spring to their stride after wins over the world champions by Swansea and Llanelli. Gerald Davies acknowledges that progress has been made but sounds a warning against euphoria. Page 40

Travelling hopefully: Paul Gascoigne's performance in England's 4-0 win over Turkey on Wednesday has offered the promise of a swift and comfortable journey towards the World Cup finals. Page 44

Come on in: The deals are lovely. The scrapping of car tax has led to a glut of car bargains. Page 35

Natural haven: At the Natural History Museum in London scientists are developing a computer system which may play a crucial role in helping to conserve plants and animals. Pages 36-39

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ENTERTAINMENT

Early Christmas: 41 computer workers at the Bank of England were made redundant but returned to their desks as employees of another company. Pages 37-39

Robert Palmer sings big-band standards with the BBC Radio Orchestra at the Albert Hall, in a bold but not entirely successful career move. Page 32

Alan Ayckbourn contemplates a year as a visiting professor of contemporary theatre at Oxford. Page 33

Harry Enfield welcomes the first part of the five-part series *The Big Battalions* (Channel 4). Page 33

The Royal Academy's Walter Richard Sickert exhibition: his late pictures, once dismissed as crude, can now be seen as the climax of the artist's career. Page 31

Benedict Nightingale reviews David Storey's new play *Stages at the Cottesloe*. Page 31

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ENTERTAINMENT

Claudia Schiffer, 21, has been signed by Revlon for a multi-year exclusive contract as a model to promote Guess? perfume. Page 6

Shirley MacLaine joined Liza Minnelli and other show-business figures in a concert to raise funds for the Aids Project charity in Los Angeles. Page 15

Hillary Clinton was shown around the private quarters of the White House by Barbara Bush who had returned from house-hunting in Texas. Page 15

A house, four cars and 34 holidays are among the winnings of Rita Smallburn who plays the supermarket competition. Page 43

A live question

The High Court's ruling that Tony Bland should be allowed to die is both compassionate and correct. But it would be dangerous to see this case as setting any new ethical guidelines. Page 19

Corruption uncured

This week Mr de Klerk appeared reluctantly to accept that the rottenness of South Africa could extend to the very heart of his government. But his doubts must remain as to whether [his response] offers a cure or a cover-up. Page 19

Hong Kong's hope

All Mr. Patten needs... is continued steady support. Where Hong Kong is concerned, the old China hands have not exactly covered Britain in glory. Page 19

BEN MACINTYRE

Sideburns are getting longer, purple is more prevalent, people in Nehru jackets are quoting Bob Dylan lyrics as if they meant something and love is in the air... in Bill Clinton's America a sticky wave of Sixties nostalgia is sweeping the nation. Page 18

GRAHAM LEONARD

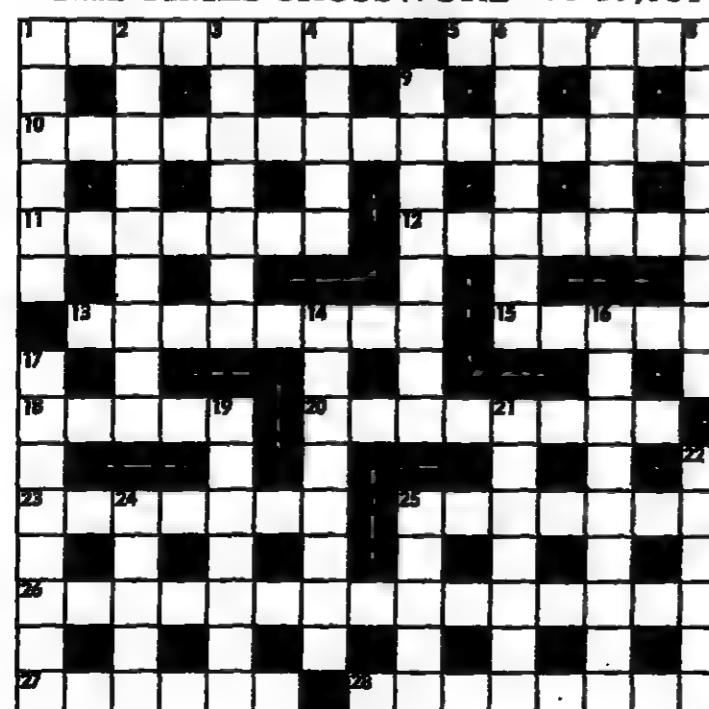
The situation which has arisen in the Church of England will bear very hard upon the orthodoxy. It would be of the greatest benefit to such people if they could make their communion... in the Catholic Church. Page 18

ALAN RYAN

In America, as in Britain, patients have a right to refuse treatment; they can... and are increasingly encouraged to... make "living wills" that detail what they want done and more importantly what they don't want, if they are unable to decide for themselves. Page 18

Word Watching is with the concise crossword and the daily chess problem. Page 44

A Federal Court adds injury to insult by ruling that Richard Nixon is entitled to payment for seized documents. *The New York Times*

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One's father not partial to Hastings, for example? (8-7).

Beginner takes two points for the county... (6).

... card-player being Scandinavian? (8).

DOWN

Go ashore and take the cover of a box, say (9).

Rocker can damage the rail (9).

Royal attendant's queer turn going by rail? (7).

He jests at... that never felt a wound? (R. and J.) (5).

I feel unwell climbing with boy in hook-up? (7).

One who has no use for animals? (5).

A fountain like this in the neighbourhood? (8).

Fire material with medium fade? (8).

Joined forces in Bury Post Office and left? (8).

Big Eddy, of 107? (9).

Georgia with failure to show respect for Victorian brilliance? (8).

Could this become the Near Eastern capital? (7).

Chignon of elite granny, possibly? (7).

Nicked in pistol encounter? (6).

Traveller's run accomplished? (5).

Still lying soft? (5).

ACROSS

1 Way of serving potatoes — just studded with game (8).

5 Shakespearian heroine — one Viola wronged (6).

10 Reportedly dangerous sea-area rumbled in a great storm (7,8).

11 Releases lots? (7).

13 Bishop Barnabas's wife a young woman? (8).

15 Name given to house set back in French city... (5).

18... no longer concerned with giving a name to No. 10, perhaps? (5).

20 Scores agreed in drawn games (8).

23 Is this dog difficult to walk? (7).

25 Set down some sort of account (7).

Solution to Puzzle No 19,080

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ROTATED SEALANT
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INCENSE AMATEUR
NADAGYNG
GAPE AFTERSHAVE

Concise Crossword, page 44

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BA facing action over Dan-Air and pay

By HARVEY ELLIOTT
AIR CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH Airways yesterday faced a twin attack on its plans to develop a powerful scheduled network from Gatwick after its £1 takeover of Dan-Air.

Two rival airlines joined the Consumers Association in filing an application to the High Court asking for a full judicial review of the buy, which they claim 'breaches' European competition laws.

At the same time, BA staff at Gatwick plan to hold a mass meeting to endorse calls for an indefinite strike in protest over pay cuts of up to 30 per cent, which more than 1,000 employees will have to accept if they are to remain with the new low-cost airline.

The Transport and General Workers Union, as well as the GMB, claimed their members had voted overwhelmingly in favour of a strike.

BA said strike action would do 'nothing for our negotiations, nothing for Gatwick and nothing for the travel plans of thousands of passengers'.

British Midland, Virgin Atlantic and the Consumers Association are to request an expedited hearing in the High Court today, alleging that both the director-general of fair trading and Michael Heseltine, trade minister, failed in their duty by not insisting a full enquiry into the takeover as they claim, is required by EC competition laws.

BA last night refused to comment on the move except to say the matter was in the hands of lawyers.

But Sir Colin Marshall, chief executive, said after the deal had been agreed: 'There were no other interested buyers or investors inside or outside the airline industry. Dan-Air's world was being allowed to grind to a halt. It is therefore interesting to note that the level of complaint against our move appears to be in direct proportion to the amount of disinterest shown in saving Dan-Air routes, aircraft and people by those who attack us.'

The group seeking the hearing claims its action is not directed at BA as such but is designed to 'flush out' the government's attitude and policy towards competition in the aviation industry.

CABLE and Wireless frankly admits its recent earnings record has not been covered in glory. But the group is making up lost ground with interim pre-tax profits in the six months to September that are 8 per cent ahead at £378 million, and with interim net earnings up from 17.3p to 18p a share. The advances are complemented by a 12 per cent increase in the interim dividend to 4.75p a share.

So far this year, most things are going C&W's way. The recent partnership with Canada's BCE telecommunications group is the start of a promising international relationship. The traffic between Hong Kong and China is increasing apace. Group margins have improved. Lord Young of Graffham, chairman, and Rod Olsen, finance director, say the benefits of recently introduced financial disciplines will soon work their way through to the profits line.

C&W has a way to go before all its ratios sing, but profit is being generated more evenly as operations outside the Asia-Pacific region gather strength. Trading profits in Britain and Europe were 38 per cent higher at £97 million on a 23 per cent increase in turnover, and margins advanced from 13 to 15 per cent. The daily call volume at Mercury group rose from 5.4 million to 9.7 million.

C&W suffered a £106 million cash outflow in the first half, and the cash outflow in the second half could be £200 million. But C&W will not be



Ringing the world: Lord Young, left, with Rod Olsen, of Cable and Wireless

diverted from fresh opportunities should they arise. Pre-tax profits could be between £130 million and £220 million (£643.5 million) in the year to next March, and challenge the £1 billion barrier in 1994.

At 653p, up 9p, on 17.8 times prospective earnings, the shares remain a buy up to 680p.

Euro Disney

THE 40,000 British private shareholders in Euro Disney have suffered something of a

roller-coaster ride since the shares were issued in October 1989. The price has plummeted from a high of 16.57 just before the theme park opened in April.

Yesterday, the shares fell 40p to 860p, against an offer price of 707p, after Euro Disney reported FFr184 million loss for the year to September 30, and said it expected a loss for the first six months of the current year.

Euro Disney adds: 'We expect significant improvement in the second half of the year.'

However, we do not anticipate that we will achieve profitability for the entire year.'

The parent Walt Disney company has deferred its management fee of 3 per cent of total revenues for this year and next. Its eventual payment is concomitant on profitability at Euro Disney.

Shareholders, who get a one pence dividend, might just as well hold on for the next thrilling ride. Oddly enough, shareholders would have been no better off investing their money in Walt Disney Co.

Bond found not guilty of dishonesty at retrial

FROM REUTER IN PERTH

ALAN Bond, the bankrupt Australian entrepreneur, was yesterday found not guilty of dishonesty at a retrial, three months after his original conviction was quashed and a fresh trial ordered.

A district court jury took two hours to deliver its verdict after the four-day trial. Mr Bond, 54, told reporters outside the court that the charge had never had any basis. Prosecutors had alleged that Bond, while lobbying Brian Coppin,

a businessman, for cash to rescue Rothwells, a merchant banker, concealed from him that Bond's then flagship company, Bond Corporation Holdings, would win a A\$16 million (£7.2 million) fee for the operation.

The former tycoon was sentenced to a 2½-year jail term after his first trial. In May, but the conviction was quashed in August on appeal. Mr Bond served three months of the sentence.

Building society lending rises

BY LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR

BUILDING societies lent a little more in October than in September, with gross lending up from £1.8 billion to £2 billion. However, it was less than half the August total of £4.3 billion.

Net mortgage advances increased from last month's low of £446 million to £683 million. Net commitments increased from £1.8 billion to £2.2 billion.

Mark Boileau, director-general of the Building Societies Association, said: 'The pickup in both gross and net new com-

mitments last month, although very modest, occurred against the backdrop of considerable uncertainty in the financial markets and extinguished household confidence. The benefits of the cumulative 3 per cent reduction in UK base rates since late September, allied with the measure announced in the Autumn Statement to reduce the overhang of unsold properties by 20,000, will help to improve underlying sentiment towards the housing market over the coming months. Although seasonal factors will

inevitably obscure any positive developments over the winter period, the longer-term prospect is for some rebuilding in lending volumes and the level of transactions.'

Societies had a savings inflow of £281 million in October, after an outflow of £264 million in September. This compares with an inflow of £597 million a year ago.

Mr Boileau said: 'The positive inflow of savings into building society accounts in October marked a welcome turnaround from the September position.'

COMPANY BRIEFS

SHERIFF HOLDINGS (Fin)

Pre-tax: £896,000
EPS: 6.7p (3.4p)
Div: 1p, mkg 2p

PENNA (Int)
Pre-tax: £1.03m
EPS: 13.5p (LPS: 3.9p)
Div: 3p (1p)

FORWARD GROUP (Int)

Pre-tax: £491,000
EPS: 4.5p (1.9p)
Div: 1.3p (1p)

RODIMIE (Fin)

Pre-tax: £1.68m

EPS: 0.8c (LPS: 16c)

Div: None

HARDY OIL & GAS (Int)

Pre-tax: £527,000

EPS: 5.2p (5.2p)

Div: None

LOCKER (THOMAS) (Int)

Pre-tax: £28,000

EPS: 0.40p (LPS: 0.61p)

Div: 0.35p (0.35p)

Last time's profit was £312,000.

There is a proposed subscription

and open offer, at 75p, to raise

£2.85m to reduce borrowings.

There was a loss of £261,000 last

time. Turnover rose to £5.42m

(£3.25m). Fee income from

Sanders & Sidney up 68 per cent.

Last time's profit was £203,000.

Turnover rose to £5.77m (£4.88m).

Operating profit advanced to

£597,000 (£316,000).

Comparative figures have been

restated. There was a £22.4m loss

last time. Bank indebtedness

has been reduced by £14.5m.

Last time's profit was £1.74m.

Turnover rose to £21.1m (£19.3m).

Company expects a stronger

performance in the second half.

There was a loss of £284,000 last

time. The proposed sale of South

African subsidiary will result in

a £509,000 extraordinary loss.

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Chairman's Statement

'The results for the third quarter were at a similar level to last year. Although UK Gas Supply benefited from slightly colder than normal weather, this was substantially offset by the combined effect of lower selling prices in the tariff market and a reduced share of the firm contract market. Operating

profits in other business segments were little changed from last year.'

Robert Evans CBE FRS, Chairman, 31 November 1992

Copies of the 1992 Third Quarter Results are available from: British Gas plc, Shareholder Enquiry Office, Rivermill House, 152 Grosvenor Road, London SW1V 3JL. Telephone 071 824 2000.

THE RESULTS AT A GLANCE

	3 months ended 30 September		9 months ended 30 September	
	Current cost £M	Historical cost £M	Current cost £M	Historical cost £M
Turnover	1,411	1,344	1,411	1,344
Profit/(loss) before taxation	(342)	(358)	(282)	(318)
Profit/(loss) attributable to shareholders	(250)	(250)	(190)	(210)
Earnings/(loss) per ordinary share	(5.8)p	(5.9)p	(4.4)p	(4.9)p
Current cost £M	6,920	7,221	6,920	7,221
Historical cost £M	833	986	447	682
11.5p	10.4p	18.0p		

British Gas

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Slump knocks 40% off Yorkshire Bank profit

RECESSION and a sharp rise in business failures in the North West cut 40 per cent off Yorkshire Bank's profits in the year to September 30. Pre-tax profits at the bank, which was bought by National Australia Bank in 1989, fell by £42 million to £64.6 million as bad debt provisions rose 76 per cent to £13.4 million. Despite the fall, the bank was forced to triple its dividend payments to NAB, to a record £85 million.

Yorkshire is expanding its network outside its home county and opened five more branches during the year in East Anglia and the West Country. Clydesdale, the Scottish bank and NAB's other main British subsidiary, suffered an 8 per cent fall in profit to £59 million. That was caused by an £8.4 million exceptional provision for restructuring costs. Bad debts fell by a third to £37.4 million but this was offset by a strong rise in operating profit to £105 million. The figures from the bank had a heavy impact on the figures at NAB, where profits fell 6 per cent to £367.5 million (£305 million).

Heath cuts dividend

A SLUMP in half-year profits has forced CE Heath, the insurance broker, to cut its interim dividend by a third to 5p. The final payout is likely to be 11p. Heath blamed the cut on adverse currency movements and lower interest rates. These cut half-year pre-tax profits by 28 per cent, to £8.9 million. Profits from broking fell by a quarter to £4.7 million, despite an 11 per cent rise in income to £51.2 million. Underwriting profits fell by £2.7 million to £4.2 million, the group having reduced its exposure to that business. There will be an extraordinary loss of £4.94 million from the flotation last June of Heath's Australian subsidiary. Profits of computer services fell by £400,000 to £1.7 million.

Cater Allen payout rises

CATER Allen, the discount house believed to be in bid negotiations with Union Discount,

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British Gas profits slip as competitors dent market share

By ROSS TIERNAN
INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

INCREASED competition in the industrial market and a cut in household gas prices caused a "disappointing" third quarter at British Gas, despite an early cold snap.

Pre-tax profits in the three months to end-September slipped 11.3 per cent to £282 million. Acknowledging his disappointment at the results, Cedric Brown, the chief executive, said: "What they demonstrate is that the squeeze on the company from the development of competition is continuing."

With the findings of a Monopolies and Mergers Commission enquiry into the United Kingdom gas market, not expected until July, British Gas has been forced to put most of its re-organisation plans on hold. Mr Brown said this had constrained its ability to achieve efficiency savings, although staff numbers had nonetheless been reduced by 1,500 this year, to 70,000.

NatWest seeks to lift pollution cloud over banks

Bank's plan aims to protect lenders from paying for pollution, writes Neil Bennett



Wanless: lending risk

THE head of National Westminster Bank will today propose a six-point package to protect banks from the risk of paying for environmental clean-up operations, expected to cost billions of pounds.

Derek Wanless, NatWest's chief executive, will unveil his proposals at the European Business and the Environment conference in Brussels. They are designed to ensure that banks can continue lending to chemical and engineering companies free from the danger that future legislation will force them to foot the pollution bill.

Banks are becoming increasingly worried about the risk of lending to potential polluters because of continuing uncertainty about European environmental legislation. Lenders are worried that future laws will order companies to carry out expensive de-contamination work. If the company were unable to pay for this, its bankers could be forced to pay the bill, since they hold land and plant as security.

Mr Wanless admitted that NatWest was starting to refuse loans to potential polluters. "We have certainly walked away from some deals. We are always trying to assess risk and we find it very difficult in this area. We have a clear preference for becoming involved in businesses that are environmentally sound."

"It is bad enough to lend £100 and lose it. But imagine if we lose it and take on an unquantifiable environmental liability," he added.

Mr Wanless accused the

European Commission and European environmental policy of departing from the basic principle that the polluter should pay. "In the event that the polluter cannot pay, then the liability should be treated as a social cost," he said.

His package of recommendations includes:

□ Liability for environmental damage should rest squarely on those who cause pollution.

□ Legislation should make clear that lenders can hold land as security on a loan without fear of facing environmental liability.

□ Companies that carry out their operations with the diligence should have a defence from paying for clean-up costs.

□ Borrowers and property sellers must have a duty to reveal any information about possible contamination.

□ Environmental liability should not be imposed retrospectively.

□ The EC should develop standards and training programmes for the assessment of potentially polluted sites.

Mr Wanless said the proposals would allow banks to finance companies to help them carry out clean-up operations. The existing proposals, by contrast, would frighten them away.

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ACT lifts profit to £9.5m

ACT Group, the Birmingham computer services company, lifted pre-tax profits 24.8 per cent to £9.54 million in the half year to end-September. Turnover, boosted by acquisition, advanced 37.1 per cent to £72.1 million, with about 20 per cent of sales now overseas.

ACT, formerly known as Apricot until it sold its hardware arm to Mitsubishi of Japan in 1990, continued to maintain significant cash balances, which stood at £21.3 million at the interim stage. Earnings climb to 5.34p (5.13p) a share. The interim dividend is raised to 1.75p (1.50p) a share.

EC inflation at 4%

The European Community's annual inflation rate was 4 per cent in October, unchanged from September and compared with 4.4 per cent in October 1991. The lowest monthly rise was in Spain (0.1 per cent) followed by Belgium, Denmark and The Netherlands (all 0.2 per cent) Germany and France (0.3 per cent) Britain and Portugal (0.4 per cent) Luxembourg (0.5 per cent) and Italy (0.6 per cent). Greece again recorded the sharpest rise (2.4 per cent) after a 4.1 per cent rise in September.

Bristol Post jumps

Rationalisation and tight cost controls helped Bristol Evening Post, the West Country newspaper group, lift pre-tax profits 44 per cent to £2.83 million in the 26 weeks to end-September. Turnover edged up to £33.5 million (£32.4 million), but advertising remained depressed. There was an exceptional gain of £88,000. Earnings rose to 7.95p (6.04p) a share. The interim dividend is increased to 4p (3.75p).

Tea factory deal

Lyons Teatree, part of Allied-Lyons, is setting up a tea factory in Budapest. The factory, a joint venture with Edescho, one of Germany's largest coffee companies, will start early next year. The Hungarians, like most eastern Europeans, drink mainly coffee, saving tea for special occasions.

STOCK MARKET

Raiders drive down Lasmo shares

THE fall from grace of Lasmo remains one of the current great mysteries of the Square Mile. Several institutions were in such a rush to dispose of their holdings yesterday that they were prepared to dump the stock at a discount to the ruling market price.

Shares of the oil exploration group were again in decline, losing an early lead to finish 2p cheaper at 162p after one seller unloaded 400,000 at 160p and, later in the day, another sold a further 50,000 at 161.4p.

Brokers talk of impending bad news from the group, although no one is willing to be specific. Last account bears down to a low of 112p.

The rest of the equity market maintained its position above the 2,700 level in spite of the latest batch of economic indicators showing Britain still in the grip of recession. The FTSE 100 index had to contend with a large seller of the December future in early trading. But the future continues to trade at a premium to the cash market and this, combined with some cheerful cor-

porate news and hopes of a solution being reached in the Gatt world trade talks, enabled it to finish with a small rise on the day. It ended 2.2 up at 2,706.3, as turnover reached 659 million shares.

ICI fell 24p to £10.13 after Smith New Court published a review of the company's proposed demerger. It concludes there is little upside short-term and that its current valuation for the shares of 950p indicates they should be sold. It would avoid the bioscience division, but would, subject to clarification of the dividend policy, buy the chemical division for its earnings recovery potential through 1994/5.

BAE Group put in a late spurt, rising 17p to 750p on talk of a visit by analysts to Stansted airport. Cable and Wireless jumped 11p to 653p helped by a 36 per cent rise in the half-year pre-tax profits to £94 million.

BT eased 2p to 394p on further consideration of the government's decision to sell another tranche of shares estimated to be worth about £5 million. But brokers say such a move is unlikely until the

partly paid shares become fully paid in March. Euro Disney tumbled 35p to 865p after weighing in with losses for the first full year of operations of its theme park on the outskirts of Paris of £118 million (£23 million).

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Royal Bank of Scotland rose 7p to 187p after announcing plans to shed 3,500 jobs during the next five years. The job losses form part of a reorganisation plan for the group's 800 branches designed to make them more efficient and increase profitability by £200 million a year.

Evoe, the Evesick glue manufacturer, surged 19p to 91p after receiving a hostile bid from Wassall, the fast-growing industrial conglomerate. Wassall is offering 80p a share valuing the group at £98 million. Wassall, which intends to help finance the bid with a rights issue of convertible stock, fell 15p to 183p.

Union Discount, the discount and financial services group, continued to respond positively to news of a bid approach, with the shares rising 25p to 96p, for a two day gain of 36p. Cater Allset, which owns 3 per cent of Union Discount, jumped 4p to 385p on encouraging first-half figures.

MICHAEL CLARK

MAJOR CHANGES

RISSES:

ACT 55p (+15p)
Evoe 91p (+18p)
Leigh 186p (+15p)
Yorkshire Chem 340p (+18p)
Dominio 410p (+15p)
SKF 'B' 862.5p (+112.5p)

FALLS:

Blagdon 144p (-58p)

Harstone 185p (-10p)

Euro Disney 465p (-55p)

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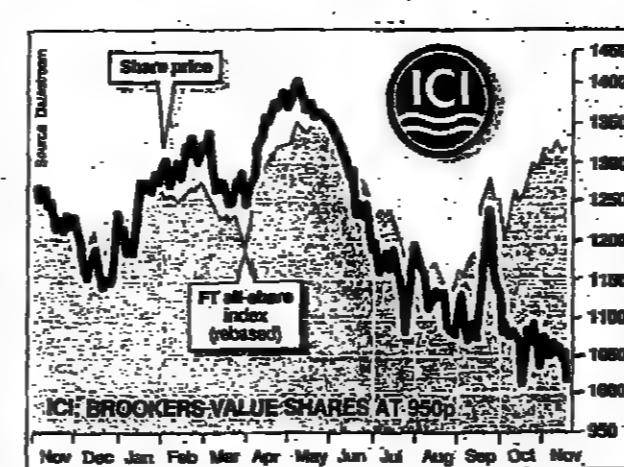
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ICI BROKERS' VALUE SHARES AT 950p

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Conditions in its building materials operation were in line with expectations and the group expected to maintain the 11.25p dividend.

There was further good

news for the stores sector with Storehouse, the Mothercare and BHs stores group, returning to the black during the first half with a profit of £14 million against a loss of £3.1 million last time. Ian Hay Davidson, chairman, was confident trading would continue to improve. The shares re-

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Blue Circle wields the red pencil

Another rash of job losses does nothing to help rebuild the confidence needed to act as a fuse to detonate faster economic recovery. Among yesterday's announcements, however, one of the smaller was far more serious than the others. Blue Circle, the dominant cement manufacturer and a noted bellwether for a large part of the economy tied to construction, housing and investment, to cut deeply into its permanent productive capacity. Its domestic cement capacity is to be cut by 15 per cent, albeit half of the axed capacity will be mothballed. The timing of the cut, which was much bigger than expected a couple of months ago, owes something to a generational change of senior management. More alarmingly, it stems from a study of the market that suggests that demand for cement will not return to its 1989 peak this century.

On the stock market, this savage realism was understandably greeted with approval. Assuming no pickup in the next five weeks, cement demand this year will be 30 per cent lower than in 1989. Blue Circle's own capacity usage was about 90 per cent that year, against full capacity output in 1988 before extra capacity became available elsewhere, including its own imports from Denmark. This year, Blue Circle has operated at about 70 per cent capacity, which should rise after the cuts, to 80 per cent or more in 1993, without any fancy assumptions about the economy or the construction industry.

Like many basic industry groups, Blue Circle has been hanging on in the hope that the recession would soon end but can wait no longer. Like others, its projections appear to show that this has been more than a normal cyclical downturn and that demand will not bounce right back but resume growth from a drastically lower base. Such reasoning, spread across businesses large and small, is unfortunately self-fulfilling. Cuts in capacity will dampen recovery and effectively rule out anything approaching a boom in the next few years, since a sustained surge in demand would soon have to be met by imports or become inflationary. Industry's pressing financial need to come to grips with today's problems could make life harder in a few year's time.

Low tide

Meanwhile, back at what used to be the coalface, economic signals show the sort of churning that takes place at the change of the tide. Bank and building society lending sprung back in October from what may prove their nadir while both money measures expanded healthily. Special factors were at work in bank lending, since corporate borrowing in sterling rather than foreign currencies had suddenly become more attractive, but increased commitments by building societies ahead of the dead period of the year are encouraging.

There are no such glimmers of hope in the output figures for the third quarter, which fell 0.3 per cent, excluding oil and gas, before allowing for a likely further fall in construction. That compares with a 0.1 per cent rise in the second quarter, tending to confirm the fears of the financial markets that the economy was heading for a second dip before the Cabinet was forced, kicking and screaming, to devalue. The Treasury's forecast that the economy will have shrunk about 1 per cent by the end of the year implies some further fall in the final quarter, which seems realistic given the momentum. As this week's conflicting reports on retail sales suggested, statistics may not show what is really happening while people adapt to new fiscal and monetary policies. The Chancellor might do well to opt for a late final spring Budget. Only by the spring will it be apparent if business and consumers are responding to his new signals. If not, more will need to be done.

Many people believe the sum of IBM's parts is worth more than the whole. Philip Robinson looks at the possibility of the group being split up

For more than a generation, the workforce at IBM would sing the company song praising its founder TJ Watson whose blend of austere personality and super salesman laid the groundwork for creating the world's largest computer maker. He encouraged church-like behaviour, insisted that male staff wore dark suits and white shirts, banned smoking in the office during decades while smoking was fashionable, and plastered every wall from the boardroom to the toilet with the sign "THINK".

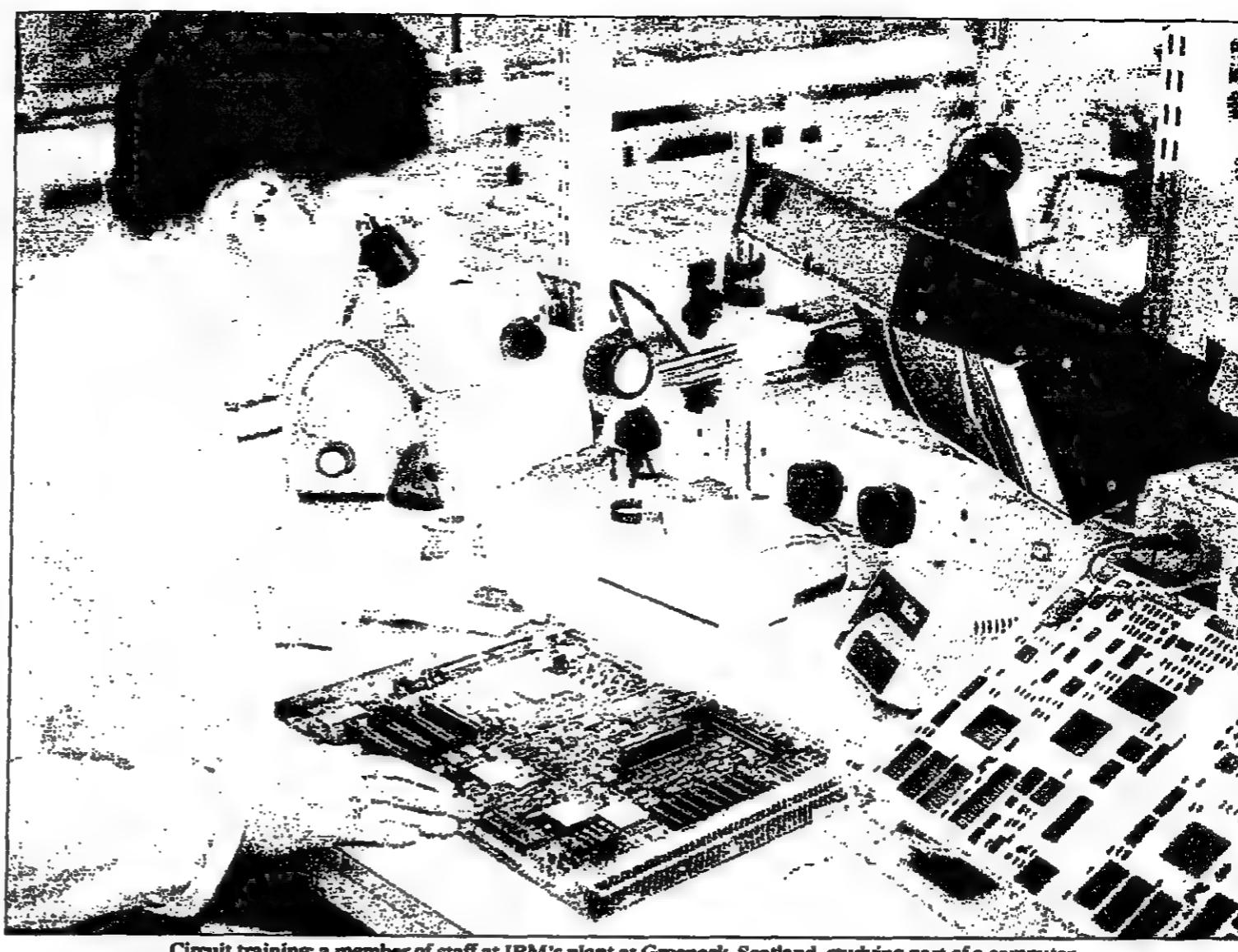
Five chief executives later, the empire that became known as Big Blue is turning pale. The company that promised employees a job for life is cutting staff at an unprecedented rate. The final tally for this year is expected within six weeks. So far, an estimated 40,000 jobs will have been axed around the world, but the final figure could be much higher. It is unclear how many of these will come from among the 20,000 IBM employees in Britain, its most important base outside America.

IBM's drastic surgery cost it \$10 billion to remove \$60,000 from the payroll in the past two years and close factories. At the current rate, that works out at just over £100,000 a job. The numbers are already twice what had been expected by IBM management, but generous redundancy terms prompted staff to rush for the exits. The gravy train is drying up. Industry sources say IBM can no longer afford such payoffs and if the latest round of job cuts is insufficient to bring costs down, the next will be much less attractive.

Personnel cuts are only part of what is worrying Wall Street. IBM shares have collapsed in the past two months to a point where there is now serious concern over the dividend. The apparent slow progress of John Akers, chairman and chief executive, to demonstrate the success of his master plan has prompted calls by shareholders for the company to be broken up — a move the US government tried for 13 years, but abandoned a decade ago.

The US justice department wanted dissection on anti-competitive grounds claiming IBM's monopoly was too powerful. The shareholders' motives are much simpler: they believe the sum of IBM's parts is worth more than the whole.

Third-quarter losses ignited that call. They doused hopes that IBM's core business of mainframe computers was improving and that costs were coming down. It sent the shares into free fall. IBM's price has halved in the past two years and is down 37 per cent so far this year to a new year's low of \$63.125, a figure close to its book value and ranking it among the worst performing shares in the past



Circuit training: a member of staff at IBM's plant at Greenock, Scotland, studying part of a computer

12 years. Valued in the market at \$36 billion, it is twice the size of Hanson, two and a half times larger than Marks and Spencer and three times bigger than GEC.

Among the Fortune 500, it is ranked fourth largest on sales but 26th for its rate of return to shareholders. Their anger is rising. One West Coast money manager forecasts the shares would rise between 10 and 20 per cent if Mr Akers resigned, and the United Shareholders Association, a Washington ginger group, has tabled four challenges at IBM's meeting next April. They want the company to sell assets, split the chairman and chief executive jobs, create a committee of independent directors and tie pay to performance.

Ralph Whitworth, USA executive director, said: "IBM is in a critical condition, it's time for a second opinion." Daniel Benton, an Goldman Sachs, said it was difficult to see a reversal in IBM's fortunes as a huge company that is simply eroding.

Others have been cutting profit expectations for this year by between a third and a half. Dan Mandresh, of Merrill Lynch, an acknowledged optimist about the company, cut his forecast from \$4.5 billion to \$3.1 billion. John Jones, of Salomon Brothers, estimates \$2.3 billion this year and \$2.7 billion next. In July,

the consensus was for this year's profits to total almost \$5 billion.

Industry experts say IBM has been caught in a classic trap: sales of its highly profitable mainframe computers have been falling, it is fighting a cut-throat price war in the middle and personal computer markets and gross profit margins are falling faster than costs.

As a government-sized bureaucracy that last year employed 350,000 people, IBM has been ill-equipped to keep pace with the recent rapidly changing demands of customers. Snapping up its market share have been smaller companies, such as Apple and Compaq, whose lean and mean structures allow more flexibility for a sudden change of direction to follow the consumer.

IBM is now aiming for a much improved image. Mr Akers wants the company's 13 separate businesses to be concentrated into six main divisions. It has already consolidated its personal computer business into a \$7 billion company, the largest PC corporation in the world. But analysts say there has been slow progress elsewhere. Some have already produced their own plans, which divide IBM's operations into neat packages to be spun off immediately on the stock market. By one calculation, the

market valuation of five of IBM's non-mainframe business could total almost as much as the entire company. One estimate puts a \$39 billion value on the mainframe business alone and according to Adstar, the British business that makes storage devices, tape drives and software, is worth \$17.4 billion. Broken up, observers say IBM's market value could almost double to about \$70 billion.

One Chicago analyst estimates that a flotation of all 13 businesses would triple shareholder value. Mr Jones, of Salomon, said: "Next year will be the real test. The company's strategy is appropriate; now we will have to see how it is executed. Progress there is being partly obscured at the moment by the general economic problems, but we should have a clearer idea on whether IBM can be turned around by the end of next year."

"We got these shares as a hold and are telling clients that if they have a two-or-more-year time horizon they should buy them. We think it has enough cash flow to keep the dividend safe." For Mr Akers, time will be 58 days after Christmas and, under IBM rules, retires in two years. He took charge in 1985, after spending most of his working life in the company, with the stated ambition to lift sales to \$100 billion before

he left. IBM's sales are \$64 billion and falling.

Robert Puffer, a director with The Garner Group, the Connecticut industry watchdog, said: "IBM left it very late to bite the bullet. It wasn't until 1985 that they had any really serious competition and by then they had become complacent and very fat. But they have cut out a lot of dead weight. They're now in a transition phase and whether they recover quickly or slowly will depend on a large degree on the performance of the global economy."

The pace of IBM's entry into new fields with new products has picked up. In the past few months it has announced a series of desk-top and notebook computers at discount prices, which would have been unthinkable only five years ago.

Its recent track record is not that of a pioneer. It took 11 years to get into the mini-computer business, four years to enter the personal computer market (Apple led the field in 1977), five years to develop engineering work stations and p-convertible laptops and three years to develop the latest generation of work stations.

Recently, Mr Akers said: "We have all the habits that generated one of the most successful enterprises in business history. We also have the habits of a business that hasn't performed up to our expectations."

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Crawford to cross border

THE new year will bring with it a move to London from Edinburgh for the Crawford family now that Roly Crawford, 34, father-of-three, has resigned from County NatWest to join Barclays de Zoete Wedd. Crawford, who joined County from Life Association of Scotland, a small, local insurance company, seven years ago, and was caught almost everything he knows about the investment trust market by Hamish Buchan, County's director of investment trust research, is joining BZW as head of its investment trust research division. "He has taught me a lot, too," counters the inimitable Buchanan amiably, "and we will be sorry to see him go, but he is young, keen and ambitious and he feels the time has come to flee the nest." Transferring to BZW with Crawford, who will remain with CNW until the end of the year, will be Donald Adamson, a consultant. Adamson will continue to operate from his Jersey home. Buchanan, who belongs to no less than five golf clubs, says they will not rush to fill the void created by Crawford's departure. "He only resigned on Tuesday and we want to make sure that we consider all the options."



clipped by the controversial oil magnate. Some are wily and shrewd, one was pure whimsy. It seems that because of his name, many people thought he was Mr Arm and Hammer, as in the well-known baking soda in America. This irritated Hammer so much that he felt impelled to get his own company, Occidental, to buy a stake in Church & Dwight, which manufactures the soda product. It duly acquired 1.1 million shares in C&D, thereby allowing Hammer to say that he did make Arm and Hammer baking soda after all.

Starring role

ENSKILDA Banken, the Swedish bank, sponsored the Barbican's production of Peer Gynt by Norwegian composer Grieg on Wednesday, but few in the audience will have realised that it supplied one of the star soloists, too. Roger Gifford, head of Enskilda's

London branch, was singled out from the rest of the Tallis Chamber Choir, of which he is a regular member, to perform a solo. He shared centre stage with Simon Callow, the actor who was the narrator. Gifford's appearance was, of course, based purely on merit and had nothing to do with Enskilda being the sponsor. "The conductor didn't even know who I was," Gifford says. Gifford, 37, has, in fact, extensive singing experience. He was a chorboy at St Andrews, sang at Trinity College, Oxford, and has also sung at St John's, Smith Square. Despite this, and a well received performance, the vast Barbican auditorium seems to have made Gifford nervous. "It's a very odd sensation having thousands of ordinary, calm people staring at your socks," Gifford explains.

Empire spirit

ONCE you have held the reins of power, it is hard to let go. Lord Young of Graffham, not that long out of active government service, and now chairman of Cable and Wireless, was waxing on at yesterday's interim results conference about Cable and Wireless's global ambitions. The group's full interim report illustrates his spirit of empire. Cable and Wireless writes about various international operations in the following manner (sic) — "Elsewhere in the region Macau (51 per cent owned) ... Yemen (65 per cent owned), Jamaica (79 per cent owned)." Perhaps someone should inform the omissions.

CAROL LEONARD

Clash of opinions on proposed buy-back of Amstrad

From Mr Alan Sugar

Sir, I refer to Mr Lakmeyer's letter in Wednesday's business section. He scolds me for being condescending and warns me against treating shareholders like idiots.

Having ticked me off, he then reinforces my point by blithely stating that I am offering shareholders 30p for shares which he claims have a net asset value of 69p. Wrong. The net asset value is 46.3p at

46.3p?

I do not consider shareholders idiots. But what do you call a person who writes a letter stating the asset value is 69p when it is clearly written in the annual report, in all documents to shareholders and has been commented on in numerous press comments at

46.3p?

Do you call him untechnical, uninformative, unqualified, misguided, misunderstood, confused; or is it simply, as I have previously stated, the fact that this transaction is a very complicated matter and, respectively, in many cases, is beyond the comprehension of individual shareholders?

It is exactly this degree of carelessness that leads to

shareholders' confusion. May I please ask shareholders once again to read the offer document carefully and if they do not understand it, seek advice from somebody who does before lashing out with unqualified statements.

As an aside, it is interesting to note, perhaps, that the market valued the company on the day that my offer was announced, at a mere 23.5p a share.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN M. SUGAR,
Chairman,
Amstrad Plc,
Brentwood House,
169 Kings Road,
Brentwood, Essex.

From Ms Frances Leckie

Sir, I am writing to you as a small shareholder in Amstrad, holding just 10,000 shares, and having today received notification from my broker of the proposal that the company be taken private by its chairman.

Having always presumed a basis of play in English law, I was horrified to discover that Alan Sugar is legally able to purchase each and every

share in the company at a price which bears no relation to what the current holders paid for them, or to the underlying net asset value. It seems even more incredible that he can borrow money from the company itself to fund his acquisition.

Accepted wisdom seems to be that shareholders cannot hope for any better proposition than that being made by Alan Sugar — and no doubt he has obtained agreement from the institutional shareholders to vote his way, before making the offer.

I feel that, as usual, the interests of small shareholders — of which there are many in this "popular" company — are being completely disregarded. Many I am sure, are in the same position as me, having paid considerably more than the 30p offer price, yet without any individual leverage to influence the outcome of the vote, or any option but to accept a loss on their investment.

Yours faithfully,
FRANCES LECKIE,
Two Bolsover Court,
Eastbourne,
East Sussex.

Bank charges and changing foreign currency cheques into sterling

From Mrs P. Van Rappard

Sir, Following hard on the heels of John Major and Norman Lamont in their recently declared intentions of pursuing the banks over various forms of perceived "bad practice" I would like to join in the current climate of criticism by asking the following questions.

Why is it that foreign currency cheques take between two and eight weeks to exchange into sterling in a United Kingdom bank ac-

cording and why is there no standard charge for this presumably standard service?

Now, we have to wait almost two months for the cheque to clear and never know what the charge is going to be until our quarterly statement is issued.

Comments from self-righteous bankers would be appreciated.

Yours etc.
P. VAN RAPPARD,
64 Lurkens Rise,
Crambrook,
Kent.

Decreases in mortgage rates

For all loans drawn before 20 October 1992 the following rates will apply from 1 December 1992. The Firstdirect mortgage rate will decrease by 0.70% to 9.25% p.a. and for mortgages of £50,000 or more agreed after 8 July 1991 the rate will reduce by 0.55% to 8.95% p.a.

For all loans drawn prior to 17 November 1992 the following rates will apply from 21 December 1992. Firstdirect mortgage rate will decrease by a further 0.76% to 8.49% p.a. For mortgages of £50,000 or more agreed after 8 July 1991 the rate will reduce by a further 0.76% to 8.19% p.a. For loans drawn on or after 17 November 1992 the new rates are effective immediately.

Mortgage and home improvement loan agreements will be varied accordingly.

Decrease in unauthorised overdraft rate

With effect from 20 November 1992 Firstdirect unauthorised overdraft rate is decreased by 0.90% to 29.0% p.a.

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What lies ahead for key business areas

BY DEREK HARRIS

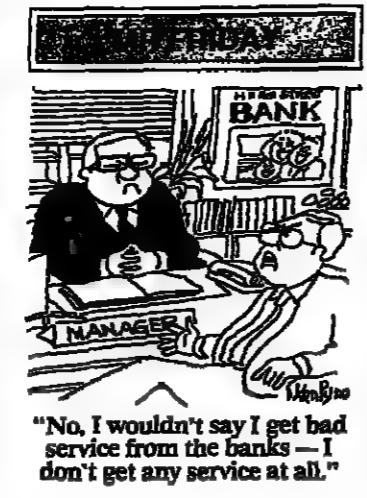
WORRYING times still lie ahead for small businesses in the hotel, restaurant and public house market. The future of many small food retailers hangs in the balance, although exceptional service can be a key to profitable survival. However, small businesses in the nursing homes sector are in better shape.

This assessment of three key areas for small businesses comes from Pinders, Britain's biggest business appraisers that report on thousands of small businesses every year for clients such as banks.

Pinders has a database of 82,000 businesses in its three specialist sectors. It shows that the outlook for hotels and restaurants is still bleak.

Geoff Wheadey, Pinders' managing director, said: "Many in these businesses will feel fortunate if careful management and stringent controls enable them to stay solvent till the promised upturn comes."

Pinders confirms that brewery disposals of tied pubs to meet anti-monopoly demands have exaggerated the steady decline in pub values over the past year. Forced sales have been a market feature for 12 months, but Pinders suggests that in the past few months the number going into receivership has declined as banks have taken a longer-term view about possible recovery. It says that although the deadline for tied house disposals has been passed, some breweries are still making disposals. This



"No, I wouldn't say I get bad service from the banks - I don't get any service at all."

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Silk purses out of sows' ears

BY RODNEY HOBSON

MAKING a silk purse out of a sow's ear is one of the surest ways to success. Alison Bell has come pretty close. She started her business of silk screen printing designs on to fabric in a converted pig sty.

She had been working as a secretary in London but returned to High Toynham, near Horncastle, Lincolnshire, in the summer of 1976. She had a degree in fine art and had taken evening classes in fabric printing. She says: "My father made me a trestle table and I started silk screen printing. I could keep my overheads down and make the most of my own equipment. I wanted to design clothes that were different but modestly priced, so that my customers would have an alternative to going into a high street shop and buying what 30,000 other people were wearing."

The silk screen process involves cutting out stencils with a sharp knife. Designs are stencilled on to fabric that are placed under a screen netting to regulate the flow of paint and prevent smudging. The process comes from the Far East where the screens were originally made of silk.

Mrs Bell started part-time because the recession of the early 1970s was not over. She did not want to grow too big because she wanted control over quality and to keep her design individual. She says: "If a customer complains, you know what they are talking about and it is simple to put matters right. In a small firm you can attend to



The fabric of success: Alison Bell at work on one of her silk screen designs.

details and if people ring up, they come straight through to me." She is helped by her husband, Ken. He describes himself modestly as "the gofer" - I go for anything that is needed". But Mrs Bell says: "He is the best support you could wish for."

A cutter comes in part-time and a nightworker makes up garments. Craft markets have been an important source of sales. Mrs Bell says: "I started selling at the Alford, Lincolnshire, market and got a

good idea of what was going to sell and what would not. At first I made mainly table cloths and duvet covers. After two or three years I got involved in clothes. I always wanted to do clothes, but at first I hadn't the confidence."

In the early days craft fairs were hard to break into. One organiser put the Bells on a waiting list and then said: "There are 113 on the list before you." As more and more craft fairs have sprung up, the need now is to assess which are worth

attending. Mrs Bell says: "If you go to these events every year, you meet the same people. It's good for renewing friendships and making new ones. I feel the people there are my colleagues. One of the drawbacks of doing things on your own is that you don't talk to a lot of other people."

Although Mrs Bell has made only one serious foray abroad to sell, she travels to seek inspiration for new designs. She says: "Wherever I go, I take my sketchpad."

ALMOST two thirds of Britain's start-up businesses believe the single market in Europe will have no effect on them, according to a new survey by Barclays Bank. This may not be as optimistic as it sounds.

In retailing, the new businesses are probably right and it is a rule of thumb that shops account for about half of small businesses. Sectors such as property, finance, transport and electronics are, however, greatly affected by wider markets.

Malcolm Levitt, Barclays adviser on the EC, said: "There seems to be a lack of awareness about the single market and its requirements for business. This could mean that British businesses will lag behind their European competitors when trading barriers are lifted." About 28 per cent of small businesses surveyed by the bank discern more opportunities, as well as increased competition, on home ground. About a quarter of those in property, finance, catering and leisure see chances of extra sales. Construction companies are less sanguine.

Keith Tanfield, an Essex businessman, plans to launch a "rent-a-rep" service, and is compiling a database both of companies and of individuals with sales experience. The service would mainly be for small businesses unable to afford full-time sales representatives but which could use them on a daily or even hourly basis. Mr Tanfield maintains he can sort out any confidentiality problems. Contact him on 0279 816819.

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ORPHY ROBINSON AND ANNALISA: The world-class soprano and mezzo-soprano performs with her group, offering intricate, ethereal compositions.

ASSASSINS: Southern's sharp and successful musical explores the impulse that drives no-hoppers to kill. American Stage, Epsom, Surrey. Tel: 0171 542 1151. Mon-Sat. 7.30pm, mat. Sun. 3pm. 105mins

DEATH AND THE MAIDEN: Ane! Domen's searching psychological drama on the longing for revenge. Duke of York's, 10 Marlborough Lane, WC2 (071 436 1140). Mon-Fri. 8pm, Sat. 7.30pm, Sun. 3pm. mat. 105mins

IT RUNS IN THE FAMILY: Larks in the human comedy house: a mother-cared-for doctors sumoed by Ray Cooney. Trafalgar Studios, 100 Upper Street, London N1 (071 359 4000). Mon-Fri. 8pm, Sat. 8.30pm, mat. Thurs. 3pm. mat. Sat. 5.30pm. 135mins

AN IDEAL HUSBAND: Anna Carteret, Hannah Gordon and Marni Shain in *Wodehouse's "Master Dealer"*. New West End, Epsom, Surrey. Tel: 0171 542 1151. Mon-Fri. 8pm, Sat. 7.30pm, Sun. 3pm. 105mins

JUNE MOON: Nove sonorous comedy from the author of *Death and the Maidens*. *Death and the Maidens* (071 436 1140). Mon-Fri. 8pm, Sat. 7.30pm, Sun. 3pm. 105mins

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THE RISE AND FALL OF LITTLE VOICE: Alastair Stewart and Jane Horrocks in Jim Cartwright's play about a girl snatching her laudous mother from a nappy-changing station. *Shambles*, Shambles Avenue, WC2 (071 373 5592). Mon-Fri. 8pm, mat. Thurs. Sat. 8pm. 105mins

THE STREET OF CROCODILES: Theatre de Complicite presents the of West End Theatre

NEW RELEASES

RAPID FIRE (16): Part cop, part pan, part cop again. John Travolta and Lee's son Brandon Stunsbury for genre fans. Director, Dwight H Little. MGM/Harmont/UA (071 838 1827) MGM Oxford Street (071 836 0310)

SINGLE WHITE FEMALE (18): New rom-com proves a masterpiece. Nicely atmospheric, but the crudeness mounts. Director, John Cassavetes. *Death and the Maidens* (071 436 1140). Leicester Square (0423 915693) UCI Whiteleys (071 792 5382)

SISTER ACT (PG): Whoopi Goldberg heads out in a comedy of errors, with a few well-meaning careerists. *Madge Smith* as the Mother Superior. Director, Emile Ardolino. MGM/Chesler (071 362 5066) *Death and the Maidens* (071 436 1140). Leicester Square (0423 914666) West End (071 51574 1332)

SHIMES OF A SUMMER NIGHT (15): New rom-com of Bergman's lovely, scintillating comedy about mismatched couples. *It's a Match* (071 542 1140). *Death and the Maidens* (071 436 1140). *Death and the Maidens* (071 436 1140)

THREE'S A BODYHAMMER: Gert Jan van den Bosch makes his meat-eating machine relentless monstrously from *Toys* to violent *Female Strips*. Tskamptor (071 530 8691)

TWIN PEAKS: FIRE WALK WITH ME (18): David Lynch's *dark* prequel to the cult television series with

WEEKEND EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Karl Knight

Jazz Cafe, 5a Parkway, NW1 (071 284 4388). Tonight, tomorrow 7pm

PURCELL WEEKEND: Events start tonight when the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment is joined by the Choir of St. Paul's Cathedral and soloists for a programme that includes *Hot Boys* (Cecilia and John Blow's *Job* on the Death of Mr Henry Purcell), conducted by Gustav Leonhardt (071 454 1100). Tomorrow's events fall on the 300th anniversary of Purcell's death, with a light show of a suitably galactic nature (Sports Hall, 8pm, 9pm). Festival Box Office: 0843 430808. Until Nov 29

HUDDERSFIELD: Weekend highlights of the Huddersfield Contemporary Music Festival include a performance by the English Northern Philharmonic under Edgar何華斯, the British Chamber Ensemble, and the world premiere of David Bedford's *Shostakovich Diaries* (Town Hall, tonight, 7.30pm), and the 1st British performance of Gerard Grisey's *Le Nord* (7.30pm). *The Dark Side of the Star* which will also be integrated into a live performance by the Purcell Room (071 284 4388). Festival Box Office: 0843 430808. Until Nov 29

London: *Kathleen Hunter and Philip Moore* (071 284 4388). *Wardrobe in Winter* (7.30pm). This is followed by an evening concert by the Purcell Chamber with Bob Purcell (8pm, 8pm). On Sunday there is a concert of music for larger groups, conducted by Alan Lumsden and the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment (071 454 1100). South Bank Centre, South Bank, SE1 (071 928 8800) Sun. 7.30pm

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THEATRE: Alan Ayckbourn, after a year as visiting professor of contemporary theatre at Oxford, talks to Alison Roberts

Grab the audience gently by the neck

Alan Ayckbourn had either got into character perfectly or he was made for the part. Wearing black leather jacket and corduroy trousers, like an English don, smazy shirt and scarf like a man of the theatre, he strode onto Oxford's Old Fire Station theatre stage for his last public lecture as Cameron Mackintosh visiting professor of contemporary theatre at Oxford University. It was done with a signature flourish and an equally characteristic air of humility.

A year spent teaching the subtle art of entertainment to a class of Oxford-based students, ranging in age from 20 to 70, has left him even more determined to encourage new talent:

Daniel Chambers, an Oxford discovery whose one-act play *Selling Out* was directed by Ayckbourn towards the end of his year-long tenure, will be joining the stable of writers nurtured at the playwright's theatre in Scarborough.

Despite his find, Ayckbourn returns to Yorkshire only mildly optimistic about a new generation of British playwrights. The opportunities for them to gain practical experience and a hands-on knowledge of stagecraft barely exist when few are prepared to take on new writers. "I keep looking back to when I started," he says.

"It was a bit later than Osborne, but it was all rolling. There was a tremendous amount of openness and theatres were encouraged to do new work. Slowly, you know, the pincers come in, people get nervous and the financial people come in to take over from the artistic directors."

Rather than bemoan the situation from a height, Ayckbourn has spent his time teaching writers how to make money for theatres as well as make their theatrical point. His approach is about filling seats, entertaining audiences and allowing the more intellectual parts of a play to creep up on them. All this modern stuff — the curtain goes up, three people dressed entirely in black point at the audience accrossing for ten minutes — only baffles the customers, he says. Empty

auditoriums are of no use or interest to anybody and will only hasten the demise of British theatre.

"It is a performing art and the whole thing starts when the audience arrives and if it doesn't arrive it is no good. You have to take risks occasionally and you may offend. The problem at the moment is that we can't afford even to risk offending."

So Ayckbourn tells his writers to say everything they want to say about the modern world, "about nuclear bombs or society's problems", but within the context of a play that grabs them first by the scruff of a popularist neck. Being able to do this is partly learnt by seeing what works and what does not: by gauging an audience and understanding one's own talent, he says, and returns to the apprenticeship theme.

"Playwriting is an intensely practical craft and the only way you can learn about it is by having your plays put on. In time you know the audience, you know what they will take and, provided it is done right, it's quite extraordinary what they will take." In Ayckbourn's darker phase, when the comic dialogue for which he is famous turned into a preoccupation with individual character and personal tragedy, he was able to perceive a failing off, and then put it right. "I became very gloomy at one point; I started to win awards, I was so depressed — they only give very serious people those. And I began to lose my audience, they started to dwindle away because they found it unbearable." His is ultimately a simple formula: the best playwrights have come from the theatre and have known how to do it.

The view that a young Shakespeare would have written for *EastEnders* rather than being "featured on *The Late Show*" as an obscure new playwright also worries Ayckbourn. Television's insatiable appetite threatens to swallow emerging talent and he has a fight on his hands to prevent young writers from being sucked into its maw.

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At 23, Chambers is writing for the screen as well as stage. He is aware of the huge difference between the two writing disciplines, however — there are few Alan Ayckbourns around who excel at both — and his loyalty ultimately lies with the theatre and the greater sense of personal achievement available there.

This sense of attachment is unusual, says Ayckbourn. He has stayed 45 plays himself, but most people have only seen his work on the television at Christmas. Harold Pinter seems to have run out of

things to say on the stage and is much more interested in film and television. Most young people are wooed by the instant fame and money available to the screenplay writer. "But what I don't want to see is writers turning their backs on the stage because it does offer a difference," he says.

"I think Dan's future will lie in

mastering both, but television eats

material; it can be soul destroying,

you see it once and then it's gone. I think there are many writers who don't find their way to theatre who should do." He fears that much of

the new talent he has seen and is helped at Scarborough and Oxford will disappear into television if theatre does not take proper care of them, and he cites the case of Anthony Minghella, whose stage writing career has been forsaken for film scripts and Hollywood following the success of *Truly, Madly, Deeply*.

At Scarborough though Ayckbourn operates a "parking space" system. Writers are told that they have a slot and to come up with a play two to three months in advance once an initial idea has been approved.

Chambers, who has been promised space for work, is hugely appreciative. "I am still driving with a provisional licence and it will give me a vital chance to improve," he says.

As a company-based writer and one of Britain's foremost dramatists, Ayckbourn will always have an outlet for new work. He sympathises with the up-and-coming writers, but, in the end, hard work and struggle is what it's all about. "Most of it is like mountaineering," he says. "We only do it to strengthen ourselves."

THEATRE: Jeremy Kingston is unimpressed by a winner in a young writers' festival

Non-communication not conveyed

According to the publicity for this first play by Adam Pernak, "Two brothers become killers. One is celebrated, the other punished," so that society's hypocrisy and self-destruction will be exposed. Well, yes and no.

The brothers are twins named David and Jonathan. David is in the RAF, goes out to fight in the Gulf and presumably drops bombs on Iraqis; Jonathan confronts an older man who is showing interest in his girl and murders him in an unspecified but

Killers

Royal Court

Theatre Upstairs

apparently nasty manner. He then goes mad again

for an unspecified degree, refusing to listen when his brother attempts to connect with his feelings but eventually (though in the play's opening scene) declaring that only he knows what it is to kill a man: slowly, so that one can watch the victim suffer.

Quite. It is absurd to suggest that society exhibits hypocrisy

in locking him away, and impossible to throw up hands in

shock horror when neighbours pick on the parents, supposing them, with reason, to bear some responsibility for such errant behaviour.

The play is curiously unfocused, as if the author never decided how best to tackle what I take to be his principal theme, the self-destruction of the family through fear of

MARILYN KNIGHT

communication. The father (Sam Kelly, balefully staring) refuses to appreciate how his churlishness distresses his wife (Rowena Cooper, bravely distressed), but Pernak's family scenes do not suggest what effect this must have had on their offspring. The writing does not just treat the parent-child relationship thinly; it does not deal with it at all. Inviting an audience to work matters out for itself is all very fine and good but clues are needed.

A similar blank exists between the two brothers, played by real-life twins Mark and Stephen McGann. The names Pernak allows them suggest closeness of heart but the lines give us no inkling of this. Is Jonathan angry with David? Why is he so cruel to the man he murders? For that matter, what function is served by giving the father a huge model army spread on a shelf across the full width of the stage?

The play emerged from the theatre's Young Writers' Festival sponsored by Marks & Spencer, and passages in the bickering between husband and wife indicate a good ear for expressions of soured feeling. Ian Rickson's direction tries to make overlapping action suggest unity of theme, but this exposes the weird jerks of tone between scenes.



Brothers both in life and on stage: Stephen (left) and Mark McGann in *Killers*

TELEVISION REVIEW

Gripped by the demons of dogma

The Big Battalions

Channel 4

writer Hugh Stoddart, balancing elements of *Rapture, Demon, My Beautiful Laundrette* and *Cry Freedom*, came up with a good proportion of trumps. Some scenes failed to avoid melodrama (usually because characters were not given time and space to escape stereotype), but most of the girders in the great construction stood up well to the loads director Andrew Grieve made them carry.

The strongest, changing metaphor, was the strand involving a battle to become Bishop of Birmingham between Brian Cox's charismatic Archdeacon and Malcolm Sinclair's boozey, doctrinally liberal academic-cum-administrator. Cox's was a splendidly

dangerous performance, full of a seething physical power which was always on the verge of becoming violent.

"You are full of demons," said Jane Lapotaire as his estranged wife (working as an aid worker in Ethiopia, with a daughter in Jerusalem, all to be connected up later), looking permanently sadder and wiser, as if she made a habit of listening to Ancient Mariners' several times a day.

She was absolutely right,

and the main demon pursuing this satisfactorily complex character, was ambition.

Thwarted in the race to the

bishop's palace, the Archdeacon took an increasing interest in small fundamentalist sects (with particular attention to

attractive young female members) and the possibility of installing them in a converted church designed for multi-religious worship. Did he really believe literally in the Virgin birth and the necessity for "strength and separateness" in religious doctrine? Transfixed by the glittering eyes of Cox's Archdeacon, you could see how easily he would persuade others of such ideas.

Much of the first episode was shot in Ethiopia, with majestic high plateau scenery providing a backdrop to scenes of unexplained brutality involving the army, a Christian church, aid workers and a fishy and well-financed group of American missionaries (World Redemption Inc), most of whom sported the crinkly-eyed, sagging-jowled smile of the outgoing President of the USA. I do not yet know exactly what is going on in every major religious divide and debate covered by this series, but I expect to be pretty well-informed by the end of episode five. Gripping stuff.

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INFOTECH

The Natural History Museum is developing a computer program to transform biological work, Nick Nuttall writes

In search of havens for flora and fauna

At the Natural History Museum in London, botanists, entomologists and zoologists are developing a computer system which may play a crucial role in helping to conserve the planet's endangered animals and plants.

The system, called World Map, can give planners of national parks and areas of conservation a more efficient way of identifying the sites they need to protect to save the maximum number of animals and plant species in a given part of the globe.

The program, an example of an expert system, will analyse knowledge on the num-

bers, distribution and types of species in an area which has been gathered over many years from scientific field trips.

Dr Chris Humphries, a senior scientist on the museum team, says: "It will then optimise the possibility of getting maximum biodiversity in the minimum number of areas."

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are identified, in order of priority, areas in the Amazon Basin containing the maximum number of species of economically important trees, including members of the cacao, plum and Brazil nut families.

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are doing." Dr Morin says.

Better management of collections is possible with modern information technology. Harvard University's Herbarium, for example, bar codes dried plant specimens rather than supermarkets code food. Herbaria are akin to lending libraries with often many thousands of species being despatched and returned each year. The bar coding system, which is being developed by Jim Beach, the data administrator, will help to keep track of specimens so that scientists know what is on loan and where, and what is in storage.

A bar coding system also allows a herbarium to rapidly alter cataloguing details if new research indicates that some

plants should be renamed rather than having to amend, by hand, written records.

The Harvard Herbarium is also experimenting with geographic information systems and satellite imaging data to pinpoint the locations of plant species in Borneo. Such techniques may help to cut the costs of floral surveys by reducing the time and number of scientists needed in the field.

Where computers are expected to play an increasing role is in the challenge to classify, describe and name the between five and 30 million species alive on Earth. It is estimated that fewer than 1.6 million have been studied at even the most basic level.

Crucial to this process is

access to details on collections held at the world's leading centres. This enables researchers to establish the extent of duplication and whether identical species have been catalogued under different names in different places. Meanwhile researchers in the field can quickly establish whether or not a "find" is indeed new.

One of the projects Dr Morin is involved in is in collecting and documenting the plants on lands from Mexico to the Colombian border. The Flora MesoAmericana project, launched in 1981, is being run in conjunction with National History Museum in London, and the National Autonomous University in Mexico. According to Dr Sandy Knapp of the London museum, the project is helping to fill "a vacuum of knowledge about what is out there both on the ground and in museums".

The Flora MesoAmericana project's first volume is to be published in April 1993 in book form. The information is also being loaded into Missouri's Tropicos data base. By accessing the Joint Academic Network (JANET) in Britain, botanists will soon be able to have access to the St Louis database via America's Internet network. Such access could allow researchers in London, for example, to identify more rapidly a newly collected species from Central America as a relative of an economically important one previously believed to be alien to the region.

Over the coming years it is likely that computers will increase the rate at which different biological disciplines merge together in the race to conserve biodiversity.

By analysing knowledge on a plant with information on climatic conditions, geography, soil chemistry, and, for example, distribution of predators, scientists may improve the success rate of reintroductions of rare species.

Whether the full potential of global biological data bases can be realised will depend on the adoption of standards and issues of intellectual property rights. Charles Stirton, deputy director of Kew Gardens, which is reviewing its information technology strategy, says: "These are not trivial issues. Technically things may be more achievable than they are ethically."

SONY has developed a goggle-like television viewer that gives users the impression that they are watching a 33-inch screen at a distance of one metre. Users of the Visortron see images from two 0.7-inch liquid crystal displays which are reflected in two mirrors covering the eyes, and hear stereo sound through earphones. Sony, which is studying whether the device can damage the eye, has no immediate plans to market the sample product.

Splashing out

CHINESE officials have said that they plan to buy up to \$2 billion of American equipment to produce computer chips over the next two to three years. Until restrictions were relaxed last year, the sale of such equipment to China had been banned by Coicom, the multinational group that vets the export of advanced technologies to communist states.

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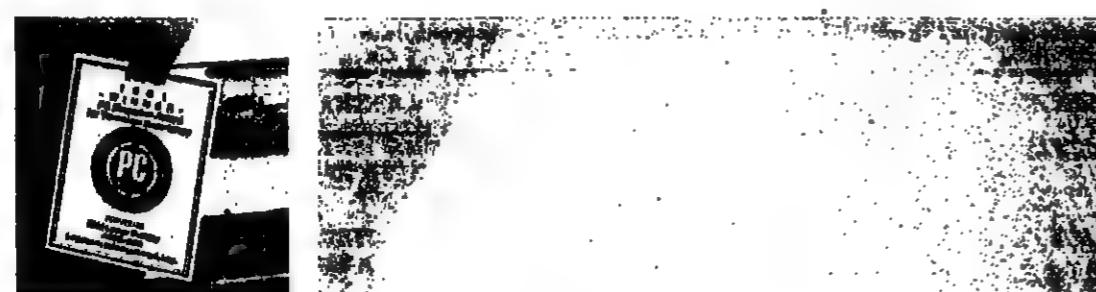
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Brain strain

A EUROPEAN research consortium is to participate in a Japanese project to develop a four-dimensional computer. Japan's Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) said it was about to sign an agreement with the European Consortium for Informatics and Mathematics, which has research institutes in nine European countries, to develop a so-called "real world computer". The computer will be designed to process a vast quantity of vague and complicated data, imitating the functioning of the right side of the human brain. Its applications will include environmental studies, security in nuclear power stations and aircraft, and detection of cancers, an MITI official said.



Bar-coded plants at Harvard Herbaria



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No more key-bashing

Millions more people will take to computers if only the need to use a keyboard can be banished or at least reduced. That is the belief of several of the largest manufacturers who were showing off their latest products at the computer industry's biggest annual trade show, Comdex, which got under way in Las Vegas this week.

There are already several small notebook computers available that do away with the need for a keyboard by allowing users to point an electronic pen at the screen to give commands and that will also recognise separately written characters.

They have been particularly successful in some specialist applications such as filling in electronic order forms or in situations where the user is moving around and would find using a keyboard difficult. Used as a sort of electronic clipboard, pen-based computer uses range from collecting data at the scene of a crime to replacing paper forms normally handwritten by a surgeon in the operating theatre.

The pen can be used to electronically tick boxes, choose from a menu of options or move symbols around a screen as well as the limited handwriting recognition.

This week Grid Systems, one of the forerunners in the field, decided to try and get the best of both worlds with the announcement of a "convertible" notebook computer. Although this £2,700 unit includes a keyboard, the screen can be removed and used by itself with an electronic stylus.

The company is hoping this will widen the appeal to ordinary computer users who need a portable computer complete with keyboard for general applications but might like, for example, to use the electronic pen as a

letter to a client," said Betsy Reagan, vice-president of marketing for Grid.

But the obstacle to wider use of pen-based computers is that they cannot recognise joined-up writing, making them of only limited use as note-takers.

Technically it is a horrendous problem to try and design software that will recognise the huge variations and sometimes downright illegibility of people's handwriting. On the other hand, if each character is printed reasonably clearly and separately, it is relatively easy for the software to decide which character a user's squiggle most closely resembles. Much more complex algorithms and larger memory would be needed to recognise a whole word at a time.

By the time these facilities arrive, we are likely to be well into the era of personal communicators — essentially smaller pen-based computers which will include the functions of a cellular phone, pen-based computer, fax and electronic organizer and definitely no keyboard.

Apple, IBM, AT&T and a small startup called EO Inc, which is partially owned by AT&T, all used this week's exhibition to show their interest in the field while several companies such as Motorola showed wireless communications systems planned for such devices.

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Sign here electronic notepads can already recognise separate handwritten characters

chip and comes with a 128-megabyte hard disc drive.

For example while standing in a phone booth talking on a phone, a sales representative, who needs information stored on the hard disc can navigate through data using the pen with only one hand.

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Out of house, out of mind

Contracting out computer services lets clients get on with what they do best, Jane Bird reports

Ever businesses or government departments could function without a telephone system, yet they do not feel the need to become telecom operators. An increasing number are also beginning to think that they need not run their own computers.

They believe that, as with office cleaning and canteen services, computers might be more effectively managed by outsiders, leaving the organisation to concentrate on its main business.

The contracting out of computer operations, known as "outsourcing" or "facilities management", is one of the biggest trends in the computer industry. It is growing at 20 per cent a year and is forecast to be worth about £1 billion in the UK by 1995.

It was the freedom to focus on core activities that was the chief attraction for the Northern Regional Health Authority (NRHA) when it outsourced its entire computer operation two years ago following the government's 1989 white paper, "Working for Patients".

Ian Zickerman, director of human resources for the authority, says: "We wanted to reduce the management burden by ensuring that we would no longer be responsible for providing information technology".

Like most organisations that outsource this part of their business, the authority handed over 120 technical staff and all its computer equipment as part of the deal.

The 63 health organisations, including local hospitals that use the service, now have a much more direct relationship with their facilities management supplier, AT&T Israel, than they could with the NRHA, Mr Zickerman says. "The previous set-up was rather bureaucratic, whereas now they can talk straight to the service provider."

One clear attraction of outsourcing is that the client no longer needs to worry about investing in the latest technology — an expensive overhead in the fast-changing



Favourable prognosis: for large users of computers, such as health services, outsourcing can reduce the management burden

world of computers. Outsourcing suppliers, on the other hand, should have a vested interest in acquiring the latest and top-performing machines.

Outsourcing can also cause ill-feeling among staff, who may find themselves transferred to another employer overnight. At the NRHA it has proved popular, Mr Zickerman says.

"Opportunities for staff have improved because our facilities management supplier can offer far more career development potential to professionals in information technology than is available within the health service," he says.

But it is cutting costs that is always the prime motive, says Colin Weir, executive director for IT practice at the management consultancy, PA. "Whatever companies say, the main reason they are looking at outsourcing is to save money."

In this, many are disappointed, he says. They may save in the short term, only to find themselves locked into a contract which prevents them from making further economies for many years.

In fact, most outsourcing suppliers can cut the cost of an in-house operation by between 40 per cent and 60 per cent simply by rethinking



Ian Zickerman: better career opportunities for staff

the way things are done, Mr Weir says. "The client is effectively handing the outsourcing vendor the extra cash which could have been kept in house if the operation had been redesigned from within."

The NRHA, which was offered immediate savings of 10 per cent on its computing costs, protected any future choice by restricting the initial contract to two years. Mr Weir believes that suppliers that try to lock customers in to long and inflexible contracts will fail.

"The gravy train mentality is doomed," he says. "Vendors who will survive in future are those that offer their clients a more flexible relationship based on partnership and trust, sharing the risks and rewards of the information technology operation."

One solution is for the vendor to charge a fixed margin of, say, 15 per cent plus extra for improved productivity.

The biggest problem is usually deciding whether or not additional services are covered by the original terms of the contract.

There has to be some flexibility here, says John Riach, a director of CMG, an outsourcing supplier, because the client cannot possibly foresee all future requirements at the beginning of a project.

He says that his company is trying to design contracts that focus on the medium to long term and defining the sorts of things clients might want to do rather than precisely how they might be achieved.

Another danger for clients is losing expertise. Once you have transferred your staff and handed over your equipment, there may be nobody left within your organisation who understands what the outsourcing vendor is being asked

to do. This makes it hard to manage the contract and almost impossible to bring the information technology operation back in house at some future date. One manager who changed back from outsourcing to running information technology internally described it as "rather like a vasectomy — extremely difficult and painful to reverse".

It is a trap that almost caught the NRHA, Mr Zickerman recalls. "When we began the process of transfer, we thought we could move across the whole department and keep nothing in house. But we realised that in order to manage it effectively, we needed some way of knowing the right questions to ask. So we retained three high-level staff to take responsibility for information technology strategy."

There are undoubtedly benefits to be gained from outsourcing but not always those expected. A recent survey by CMG found that cost-savings were rare and expectations of increased flexibility frequently disappointed.

The inevitable conclusion is that people thinking of outsourcing do seem to be considerably more optimistic than they should be based on the experience of those who have done it," Mr Riach says.

Contracts should not be forever

Thinking of Linking

When you need a powerful computer network and you need it fast, outsourcing may be the only solution. This was the position in which Link Interchange Network found itself five years ago.

Founded by a consortium of banks and building societies, Link's task was to set up a computer system that would connect more than 5,000 cash dispensers at its members' branches nationwide.

With few staff, scant technical skills and no equipment, the only realistic approach was outsourcing, says Jim Nix, Link's general manager of planning. "From a standing start, it is extremely difficult to build, test and implement computer systems with high integrity, high security and high availability. The sensible solution is to go to the experts, devise a tightly-worded service agreement, and let them take the strain."

Link invited a number of companies to compete for the contract to run its network and selected British Telecom. Within a year, BT had put the service in place, adding a major upgrade in July 1989 when a number of new financial institutions joined the network.

The speed at which the task was accomplished more than justified the decision to outsource, Mr Nix says.

However, the situation changed almost immediately. As the automatic cash-dispensers became more and more popular with customers, the computer network came under increased pressure.

Link's members became less tolerant of faults. Breaks in service were noticed. The fact that the Link team was not in direct control meant it could not respond fast to queries.

The management information chain began to creak. We

were piggy-in-the-middle. Members had the impression that the story was changing minute by minute with nobody in control," Mr Nix says.

But the biggest bone of contention was cost. Link was paying BT for each transaction on the network. The more customers used their plastic cards, the more the banks and building societies had to fork out.

A team of consultants was hired to assess the situation. It concluded that for Link to bring its computers in house and move out of London would save so much money that a disaster recovery service could also be provided at no extra cost.

It was a risky move. Link had no experience of running its own network. But it relocated to Harrogate, set up a computer centre, and began to recruit staff. Once the new system was in place, it went through a gradual transfer of operations, with a series of dress-rehearsals before going solo in August 1991.

Mr Nix believes the strategy of moving in well proved since then. "We have achieved higher service levels, faster response speeds and halved our cost per transaction. The incidence of volume-related faults has been reduced at a time when traffic is growing at about 30 per cent a year."

Outsourcing is not irreversible, he says. "but don't expect the incumbent service provider to make it easy for you — seize the initiative as soon as possible."

Outsourcing can work extremely well at the right time but it is crucial to keep an open mind and move operations back in house if appropriate, says Mr Nix. "Outsourcing is not a one-time decision. If the situation changes, change with it."

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The shake-up has started. Government computing departments are either cutting their costs drastically, in preparation for privatisation, or gearing up for the possibility of being run by the private sector itself.

In response to the white paper "Competing for Quality", published a year ago parts of the civil service under central government control are now required to organise a programme of "market tests". These are regular assessments of whether you get better value for money by providing service internally or by buying it in through an external contractor. If you choose the latter, the service then becomes "outsourced".

There is no presumption that market testing will lead to outsourcing. But to run a sensible market test, there must be the possibility of being able to contract out the service, should you so wish.

"This involves being able to specify what the service is, being able to manage the contractual relationship, and to have some confidence in the quality of service being supplied by the contractor," says Elizabeth Ransom, a partner in charge of consultancy at KPMG's central government practice. All central government departments were required to submit market test programmes by March for the 1992/3 year.

One of the areas where it is easier to establish an objective measure

Government departments are coming face to face with the market, reports Clive Couldwell

ment of whether you are receiving the required level of service is in information technology.

The Inland Revenue, for example, has been considering the outsourcing of some or all of its information technology functions. It is now trying to improve the value for money and quality of work handled by its in-house unit, the information technology office.

The department has already market-tested and contracted out some activities including record storage, and with the problem of ensuring that sufficient controls are in place to safeguard confidential information.

Private contractors and their employees are required to adopt the same standards when protecting the privacy of taxpayer information as would apply to inland revenue employees.

The government's market testing programme, driven by the efficiency unit in the cabinet office, is also prompting local authorities to

radically rethink how they provide their services, including information technology.

Increasingly, local authorities are realising that the computer systems they run do not form part of their core activity, which is to ensure that services to the general public are delivered effectively to the appropriate standard.

Some are also unwilling, or in some cases, unable to sustain the high costs of running these systems. So they have often asked external suppliers — facilities management, or other outsourcing companies — to manage them instead.

According to figures about to be released from market researcher Rometec, public sector facilities management accounts for £58 million in local government. Central government departments and agencies account for £67 million.

It is a fast-growing industry. The British market for facilities management in information technology has reached more than £500 million a year, with the public sector accounting for nearly a third of that. Hoskyns is still the leading supplier overall though others are growing rapidly and closing the gap.

For example, Telecom Capital has grown particularly rapidly, almost exclusively from offering facilities management to the public sector. One of its customers, Berkshire County Council, is just over halfway through a five-year facilities management contract. The



Mike Fogarty: "We buy the capacity we need. We've saved 20 per cent of our budget in the first year".

company looks after the council's ICL mainframe computer and communications operation.

David Bowles, the county council treasurer, argues that the council has gained significantly from the experience. "The contract means we only pay for the resources we use and we have been able to reduce greatly our overheads as a result."

Herfordshire Council has recently outsourced the bulk of its information technology operations to ITNet in an £11 million, five-year agreement. "We buy the

capacity we need," says Mike Fogarty, head of information services for the council. "We've saved 20 per cent of our budget in the first year".

Although the council has kept control of applications development and of the departmental systems which house the activities of the council's social services and libraries, Mr Fogarty says some or all of these functions will probably also be outsourced in the next wave of competitive tendering early next year.

"We may go for the same supplier if the business case is there; we may not," he says.

Health also accounts for a respectable £33 million share of the public sector outsourcing pot. Made up of the 14 regions, the NHS has, historically, managed a large chunk of the health sector's computing. Now, internal market changes, brought about by the recent structural reorganisation in the health service, are pushing busy managers in the direction of outsourcing.

The old district health authorities, which used to manage hospitals and community services, are being transformed into "purchasers" of health services, taking their "products" from the "providers", the hospitals. Separate units, so-called NHS trusts, are being set up to manage the provision of these services instead.

The two health service candidates for market testing are information technology and finance. Trusts will take on these services themselves, or outsource them.

Can't handle your information technology? Call the experts

The big City financial institutions have always been among the heaviest users of information technology. Now many of them are looking at the prospect of outsourcing either as customers or by using their computer knowledge to provide services to others.

A growing number of software houses and consultancies offer facilities management or outsourcing services aimed at the financial community. Participants in this relatively new market include EDS Scion from the software sector and Andersen Consulting from among the consultancies. Market research

suggests that within five years the UK will spend £1 billion a year on outsourcing.

Last year the established companies were joined by Barclays Bank, which set up Barclays Computer Operations (BCO). This not only tenders competitively for Barclays' own processing requirements but also offers services to other financial institutions.

Bruce Hotter, BCO's managing director, says his company's specialist knowledge puts it in a better position than the independent outsourcing companies to offer services to other banks and even potential competitors because it is

Financial institutions in the City of London are increasingly making use of outside companies to do their computer work

as deeply rooted in the financial community as it is in the information technology world.

Mr Hotter says: "We understand the demands that are being made on the financial community. For example, there are some very stringent controls coming out of the Bank of England that apply to the whole financial sector — the banks, insurance companies and building societies."

So far most of the work that BCO

undertakes is for its parent company. Outside contracts "hardly register yet" and account for only about 1 per cent of business, Mr Hotter admits.

None of the other main banks has been as adventurous. "My impression is that the others either wish they had thought of it first or say that we are out of our minds" Mr Hotter says.

Other city institutions are frequently turning over their comput-

er systems to be run on their behalf. The London Stock Exchange has been a large user of computer power for 20 years but it has now largely abandoned its involvement with the technology and handed over the lion's share of the task to Andersen Consulting.

This particular contract, however, is not the type in which the whole of the computing department — buildings, machines and staff — are handed over lock, stock

and barrel to another outsourcing provider.

Only computing staff have been transferred to Andersen and the Stock Exchange has retained ownership of both the buildings and the machines.

The main reason for contracting out the processing was that, although the systems are old, they perform vital functions that it is essential to keep running.

"It is a little embarrassing that we should have allowed our systems to get into that state at all," says Jane Barker, the finance director of the Stock Exchange. "But we needed both to change them and to keep

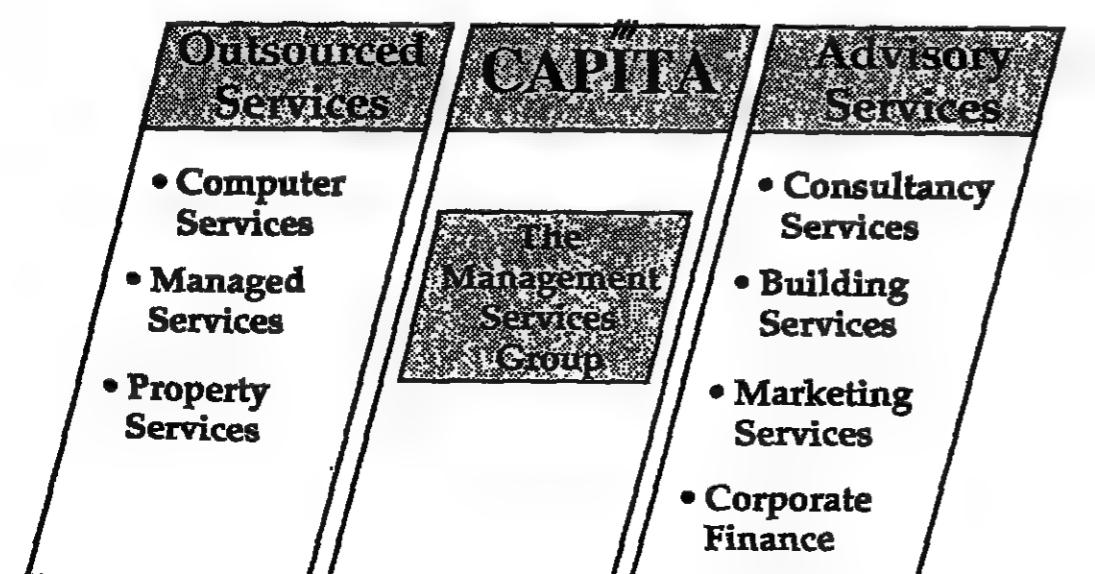
running. There is no way that a traditional facilities supplier could replace our kit because it is so old. Much of the knowledge is therefore held in the heads of the people who have been working with it."

Another problem with many outsourcing deals is that the employees of the company outsourcing the system are fearful of their future employment prospects under a new management structure. Ms Barker admits that the changeover was difficult. "You cannot go through this sort of exercise without some pain for the staff," she says.

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The giants invade the pitch

When IBM moves into a market, heads turn. David Guest on the impact of big league players

One of the more tiresome clichés of the computer industry is the assertion that when the huge and influential IBM takes its first steps in any new sector of the information technology market, it "legitimises the market".

What this forelock-tugging often means is merely that IBM has been a bit slow off the mark. But the late arrival of IBM and others in facilities management and outsourcing has been more deliberate.

"The major manufacturers stayed out because they saw it as a threat to their main lines of business," says Richard Bagelin, director of customer services for the French-owned computer maker Bull. "Those that formed the market were not the traditional suppliers and they did so because of spare capacity or leverage from assets they already had."

The trail-blazers in facilities management and outsourcing have been specialist, independent providers of computer software and services, companies like Hoskyns, AT&T/Itel, EDS and Andersen Consulting.

"Hoskyns was for a long time the market leader," says Patrick Whale, senior IT partner at KPMG and the past president of the Computer Services Association. "It was a good business for them, and in large part it contributed to the market's success."

They have now been joined by companies often associated with computer manufacturing and by smaller operations that specialise in certain aspects of outsourcing. At the margin, members of the big six accountancy firms are showing increasing interest.

Computer suppliers like Bull, IBM, ICL, Digital Equipment (DEC) and others have been drawn in, not least because of the shrinking earnings from their traditional lines of business.

Market research identifies outsourcing as one of the few remaining growth markets in information technology — 30 per cent growth a year is a figure commonly quoted.

It's becoming rather like the second-hand car market

programming can be expected to be honest brokers in a services market.

Mr Whale remains to be convinced. "One thing clients expect, though it isn't always written down, is that they will get objective, impartial advice. For me, the acid test is will companies like IBM and DEC really recommend another supplier's equipment to their clients?"

On the other hand, a recent survey carried out for 3Com found that a number of computer users did not regard the independence of their partners as an issue.

Mr Anthony suggests there are three main factors customers should look for in a service supplier.



Patrick Whale: will companies like IBM and DEC really recommend another supplier?

— a strong balance sheet, a good track record, and people with the right qualifications. He suggests that there are only half a dozen companies capable of meeting these requirements.

In outsourcing, he adds, companies should have a very firm strategic plan covering the duration of an outsourcing agreement. Their supplier must be capable of demonstrating that it understands all the nuances of the applications systems in question. "You must insist on seeing the people who will be doing the work," he emphasises.

Not surprisingly IBM and Bull both argue that they can contribute unique advantages in providing such services. "In IBM, we have a

national and international capability," Mr Neale says. "We also have a knowledge and understanding of how technology is developing, and that can give us a substantial insight into how a customer should position itself."

"We have a flexibility within ourselves that the others don't have; for example, if a customer wants to go back in-house, we can help with that."

Mr Bagelin stresses that partnerships between suppliers may be equally important. The size of some public sector contracts, he says, is such that only one or two companies can tackle them single-handed.

Mr Whale's main piece of advice

to companies thinking of using such services is straightforward. "If nothing else, make sure you can cope if it comes to divorce, as has happened."

"I would very strongly counsel people to look at computer sites where the service has been provided before," he says. "You should also crawl all over the contract, and be sure that it isn't an entrée to taking over everything."

"You need to have a clear idea of what you want done and where to set the limits. And don't commit to too long on the first period of the agreement — three to five years seems too long to me to make commercial sense. What's wrong with a year to see if it works?"

How strange the change ...

Christmas came early for long-standing employees of Granada Information Services (GIS) which provided computing services to many Granada companies, including the television station and TV rental chain.

A five-year contract was signed — again with Hoskyns — and the two, along with 150 colleagues, became Hoskyns employees. They now provide a variety of computer processing, systems development and support services back to Granada Group.

"Everyone involved in the takeover has begun to adopt the new company culture, rather than continue to think of ourselves as former employees of Granada," Mr Sullivan says. "I think it has become evident that people's career potential has been greatly improved."

Susan Spense joined the services company EDS-Scicon in 1984 when it took on Unilever Computer Services, a computing bureau which serviced Unilever subsidiaries. Now responsible for managing other staff who have themselves been outsourced, Ms Spense has been using education and training to help people through the integration process.

"It is a very confusing time," she says. "You're comfortable in your career, having found your niche in the organisation. Overnight, you're hit by the fact that you no longer work for that company and you're now working for another. It knocks the comfort factor for size."

Outsourced employees feel confusion and uncertainty. They're suddenly part of a new culture and not sure what the future holds for them.

"You can fight what's happening to you by trying to identify ways of keeping things as they were. Or you can accept change and work hard to understand the new organisation."

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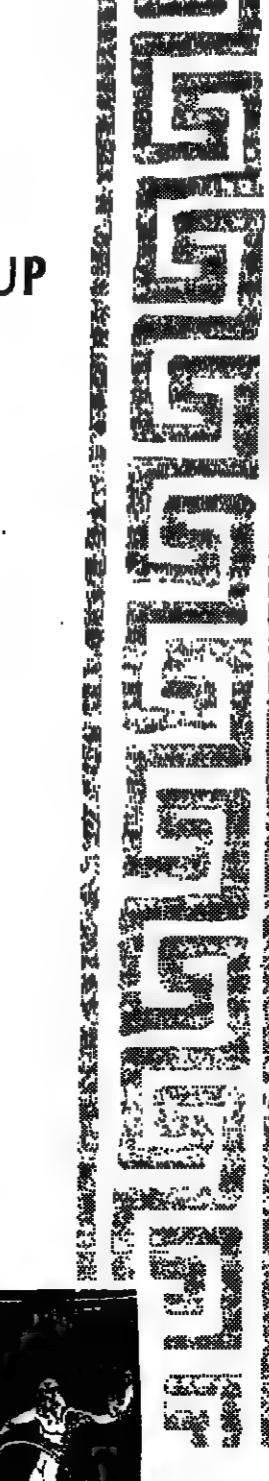
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Twin Oaks on a high at Haydock

BY MICHAEL SEELEY

BOTH Gordon Richards and Neale Doughty remained convinced that Twin Oaks should miss the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup after the almost black gelding had recorded his seventh victory from eight starts over the Haydock fences in yesterday's Tim Molony Memorial Chase.

"Races like the Welsh National and the Grand National itself are suitable targets," said the trainer, after Doughty and Twin Oaks had survived a heart-stopping blunder at the second fence from home to beat Paco's Boy by five lengths.

"But above all he loves coming to Haydock and why stop him from what he loves doing best?" Richards asked.

Once again, until he got too close to the third fence from home before hitting the next, Twin Oaks' jumping had been a joy to watch as he had measured his fences with accuracy and precision.

"He only made those mistakes because he got tired," said Doughty. "He's so big and strong that if he makes a mistake he destroys the fences. There's such an emphasis on jumping at Haydock, which is why he's so effective here."

Both trainer and jockey feel that attempting to give away weight to young horses of the calibre of Chatam and Jodami in such a competitive affair as the Hennessy would hardly be an enjoyable experience for a 12-year-old.

But first they have to convince Twin Oaks's owner, John Moreton, a London businessman, who is currently on holiday in Barbados.

Not surprisingly, as his closest rival was 16½ out of the handicap, Twin Oaks started at 13-8 on. "If he doesn't go to Newbury, we'd like to bring him back here for either the three-mile Tommy Whittle or the four-mile Ronnie Johnson on Saturday."



Absent star Kings Fountain, seen winning at Ascot, misses two tempting engagements there tomorrow, and waits instead for the SGB Chase next month

Piggott pays double tribute

RODRIGO De Triano was one of the best horses ever and Mr Brooks one of the bravest, according to their jockey, Lester Piggott.

He paid tribute to the two colts after receiving the Cartier award of merit on Wednesday night in recognition of his outstanding contribution to racing.

Piggott has made a remarkable recovery just two weeks after fracturing a collarbone and breaking two ribs in a fall from the ill-fated Mr Brooks in the Breeders' Cup Sprint at Gulfstream Park, Florida.

Reflecting on a season which yielded eight group one victories for the 11-times champion, Piggott said: "Rodrigo De Triano was like his father, El Gran San, one of the best middle-distance horses there has ever been," he said.

"Mr Brooks was so game and consistent. He ran in five group one races and was never worse than second. The last time he sadly died on the battlefield of racing."

Piggott added: "I would like to thank my wife and family for their support during the

most unhappy experience of losing Mr Brooks."

The newly-crowned Cartier European Horse of the Year, User Friendly, will be aimed at the Eclipse Stakes next year.

Her owner, Bill Greeley, is keen to demonstrate the versatility of his high-class filly.

"I would like to find out how good she really is," Greeley said.

User Friendly, trained by Clive Brittain, won the English and Irish Oaks and St Leger this season, ridden each time by George Duffield.

In-form Morley Street poised to complete speedy double

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

MORLEY Street, who won the Coral-Elite Hurdle at Cheltenham last Sunday, makes a quick return to active duty at Ascot today in the Raceday Hurdle, which he has won for the past two seasons.

His trainer, Toby Balding, reports that the former champion hurdler is as bright as a button following his recent victory over his younger brother, Granger Again, at Cheltenham last month.

Tyrone Bridge is the only member of today's opposition who approaches Morley Street's class on form.

Yet he was beaten six lengths at Cheltenham last Sunday when Richard Dunwoody decided that the moment was right for Morley Street to seize the initiative.

Interestingly, Tyrone Bridge finished further behind Granger Again at Cheltenham than he did on the two occasions they met last season.

On the other hand, Morley Street looks as good as ever and he should be capable of beating Tyrone Bridge again, albeit on 4lb worse terms.

Later in the afternoon, Richard Dunwoody will doubtless be expecting another prolific ride by Billy Bathgate in the Hurst Park Novices' Chase.

Well as this nice young jumper won on his chasing debut at Kempton, where he outpaced the redoubtable Shu Fly, I still feel that he is liable to be out-paced on this occasion by Sybillin, who is my nap.

Whereas Billy Bathgate was no more than just a useful novice hurdler, Sybillin was capable of taking on and beating some of the best, which he did at Kempton and Cheltenham last season.

Like all of Jimmy Fitzgerald's horses, he then lost his way because a virus plagued

Lion Gate Handicap Hurdle on Nonform Wonder. Dwyer partnered him to the first of his two facile victories this season.

Today's programme can begin with Glen Lochan, who has already won at Exeter and Kempton, completing a treble by landing the Bingley Novices' Hurdle.

Stephen Swiers recently finished third as Britain's representative in the Fegeren international amateur riders' series, which encompasses races both on the Flat and over jumps.

He now looks set to crown that achievement by winning the Punch Bowl Amateur Riders' Handicap Chase on Nonform Conqueror, his first ride in the royal colours.

Provided that Norman Conqueror does not take the wrong course, which happened on his seasonal debut at Uttoxeter, he should be the 389th winner for the Queen Mother since Monaveen set the ball rolling in 1949.

With Nigel Twiston-Davies's string currently in such fine form, no one should be surprised if the Charles Davis Novices' Handicap Chase is won by Grange Brake.

The third leg of his stable's four-timer at Perth in September, Grange Brake still features on a handy mark in this company.

At Leicester, David Nicholson can land the John O'Gaunt Novices' Chase with Fast Study, who was just caught by Sole at Worcester last time.

Steve Smith, Eccles should be successful with Virkon Venture in the Knighton Novices' Hurdle.

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1.55 COLIN MACANDREW MEMORIAL CHASE
(Aintree): 22.05c; 2m 30 (3 runners)

1	6404-0	AMBERGEE 11 (G)	Mr J Marshall	Mr J Marshall	10-12-3	Mr J Marshall (7)
2	1295-1	BONHOMIE DIVER 10 (G)	Mr J Marshall	J O'Neill	10-12-3	M Wilson (7)
3	3344-0	DIRECT INTEREST 14 (F)	J Marshall	D Marshall	9-12-2	A Thompson (5)
4	1145-2	DUKE OF BURKE 17 (F)	A Marshall	D Marshall	9-12-2	D Marshall (5)
5	1045-4	EP- ALASKAN BOONWILL 20 (A)	J Marshall	J Marshall	9-11-3	Miss T Whippet (7)
6	1045-5	EP- BURKE IT UP 8 (F)	A Marshall	J Marshall	9-11-3	Miss T Whippet (7)
7	4024-2	FAIRIES RUMBLE 14 (G)	J Marshall	J Marshall	9-11-3	R Hale (7)
8	4950-0	JAMES LASS 10 (G)	C Pinner	C Pinner	10-11-2	A Pinner (7)

BETTING: 4-1 Bonhommie Diver, 3-1 Duke It Up, 1-1 Relaxed Rustler, 14-1 Direct Interest, 1ms Lass, 16-1 Course of Action, 22-1 Alaskan Boonwill, 33-1 Ambergee.

1891: WRENON HILL 21-11-5 Mr A Thompson (5-2) W A Stephenson 6-11

2.25 UNLIKELY LADS NOVICES CHASE (22.17c; 2m 59 (9 runners)

1 P129-11 BONHOMIE 14 (Mr J Marshall) T Carr 4-12-3
2 1295-1 BONHOMIE DIVER 10 (G) (Mr J Marshall) J O'Neill 10-12-3
3 3344-0 BONHOMIE DIVER 10 (G) (Mr J Marshall) D Marshall 10-12-3
4 1145-2 BURKE IT UP 8 (F) (A Marshall) A Marshall 7-11-2
5 432-212 HUMDAD 20 (G) (C Stevens) M Hextor 7-10-12
6 1045-4 HURSTON 21 (F) (C Stevens) M Hextor 7-10-12
7 0049-0 JAMES LASS 10 (G) (C Stevens) M Hextor 7-10-12
8 224-244 RUMBLE 11 (G) (C Stevens) M Hextor 7-10-12
9 4950-0 WRENON HILL 21-11-5 Mr J Marshall (5-2) W A Stephenson 6-11

BETTING: 5-4 Bonhommie Diver, 3-1 Duke It Up, 1-1 Relaxed Rustler, 14-1 Wrenon Hill, 11-1 Relaxed Rustler, 25-1 Royal Investor, 1891: AMBERGEE 21-11-5 Mr J Marshall (5-2) W A Stephenson 6-11

2.55 SEDGERFIELD PADDOCK BOOKMAKERS HANDICAP HURDLE (E1.812; 2m 51 110yds) (7 runners)

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Long handicap: Magic Sheet 6-7.

BETTING: 4-1 Dencing Days, 5-2 Tribute To Dad, 6-1 Drivess Party, Relaxed, 8-1 Gladiators, Touching Times, 10-1 Chelmsford, 11-1 Gladiators, 12-1 Gladiators, 13-1 Gladiators, 14-1 Gladiators, 15-1 Gladiators, 16-1 Gladiators, 17-1 Gladiators, 18-1 Gladiators, 19-1 Gladiators, 20-1 Gladiators, 21-1 Gladiators, 22-1 Gladiators, 23-1 Gladiators, 24-1 Gladiators, 25-1 Gladiators, 26-1 Gladiators, 27-1 Gladiators, 28-1 Gladiators, 29-1 Gladiators, 30-1 Gladiators, 31-1 Gladiators, 32-1 Gladiators, 33-1 Gladiators, 34-1 Gladiators, 35-1 Gladiators, 36-1 Gladiators, 37-1 Gladiators, 38-1 Gladiators, 39-1 Gladiators, 40-1 Gladiators, 41-1 Gladiators, 42-1 Gladiators, 43-1 Gladiators, 44-1 Gladiators, 45-1 Gladiators, 46-1 Gladiators, 47-1 Gladiators, 48-1 Gladiators, 49-1 Gladiators, 50-1 Gladiators, 51-1 Gladiators, 52-1 Gladiators, 53-1 Gladiators, 54-1 Gladiators, 55-1 Gladiators, 56-1 Gladiators, 57-1 Gladiators, 58-1 Gladiators, 59-1 Gladiators, 60-1 Gladiators, 61-1 Gladiators, 62-1 Gladiators, 63-1 Gladiators, 64-1 Gladiators, 65-1 Gladiators, 66-1 Gladiators, 67-1 Gladiators, 68-1 Gladiators, 69-1 Gladiators, 70-1 Gladiators, 71-1 Gladiators, 72-1 Gladiators, 73-1 Gladiators, 74-1 Gladiators, 75-1 Gladiators, 76-1 Gladiators, 77-1 Gladiators, 78-1 Gladiators, 79-1 Gladiators, 80-1 Gladiators, 81-1 Gladiators, 82-1 Gladiators, 83-1 Gladiators, 84-1 Gladiators, 85-1 Gladiators, 86-1 Gladiators, 87-1 Gladiators, 88-1 Gladiators, 89-1 Gladiators, 90-1 Gladiators, 91-1 Gladiators, 92-1 Gladiators, 93-1 Gladiators, 94-1 Gladiators, 95-1 Gladiators, 96-1 Gladiators, 97-1 Gladiators, 98-1 Gladiators, 99-1 Gladiators, 100-1 Gladiators, 101-1 Gladiators, 102-1 Gladiators, 103-1 Gladiators, 104-1 Gladiators, 105-1 Gladiators, 106-1 Gladiators, 107-1 Gladiators, 108-1 Gladiators, 109-1 Gladiators, 110-1 Gladiators, 111-1 Gladiators, 112-1 Gladiators, 113-1 Gladiators, 114-1 Gladiators, 115-1 Gladiators, 116-1 Gladiators, 117-1 Gladiators, 118-1 Gladiators, 119-1 Gladiators, 120-1 Gladiators, 121-1 Gladiators, 122-1 Gladiators, 123-1 Gladiators, 124-1 Gladiators, 125-1 Gladiators, 126-1 Gladiators, 127-1 Gladiators, 128-1 Gladiators, 129-1 Gladiators, 130-1 Gladiators, 131-1 Gladiators, 132-1 Gladiators, 133-1 Gladiators, 134-1 Gladiators, 135-1 Gladiators, 136-1 Gladiators, 137-1 Gladiators, 138-1 Gladiators, 139-1 Gladiators, 140-1 Gladiators, 141-1 Gladiators, 142-1 Gladiators, 143-1 Gladiators, 144-1 Gladiators, 145-1 Gladiators, 146-1 Gladiators, 147-1 Gladiators, 148-1 Gladiators, 149-1 Gladiators, 150-1 Gladiators, 151-1 Gladiators, 152-1 Gladiators, 153-1 Gladiators, 154-1 Gladiators, 155-1 Gladiators, 156-1 Gladiators, 157-1 Gladiators, 158-1 Gladiators, 159-1 Gladiators, 160-1 Gladiators, 161-1 Gladiators, 162-1 Gladiators, 163-1 Gladiators, 164-1 Gladiators, 165-1 Gladiators, 166-1 Gladiators, 167-1 Gladiators, 168-1 Gladiators, 169-1 Gladiators, 170-1 Gladiators, 171-1 Gladiators, 172-1 Gladiators, 173-1 Gladiators, 174-1 Gladiators, 175-1 Gladiators, 176-1 Gladiators, 177-1 Gladiators, 178-1 Gladiators, 179-1 Gladiators, 180-1 Gladiators, 181-1 Gladiators, 182-1 Gladiators, 183-1 Gladiators, 184-1 Gladiators, 185-1 Gladiators, 186-1 Gladiators, 187-1 Gladiators, 188-1 Gladiators, 189-1 Gladiators, 190-1 Gladiators, 191-1 Gladiators, 192-1 Gladiators, 193-1 Gladiators, 194-1 Gladiators, 195-1 Gladiators, 196-1 Gladiators, 197-1 Gladiators, 198-1 Gladiators, 199-1 Gladiators, 200-1 Gladiators, 201-1 Gladiators, 202-1 Gladiators, 203-1 Gladiators, 204-1 Gladiators, 205-1 Gladiators, 206-1 Gladiators, 207-1 Gladiators, 208-1 Gladiators, 209-1 Gladiators, 210-1 Gladiators, 211-1 Gladiators, 212-1 Gladiators, 213-1 Gladiators, 214-1 Gladiators, 215-1 Gladiators, 216-1 Gladiators, 217-1 Gladiators, 218-1 Gladiators, 219-1 Gladiators, 220-1 Gladiators, 221-1 Gladiators, 222-1 Gladiators, 223-1 Gladiators, 224-1 Gladiators, 225-1 Gladiators, 226-1 Gladiators, 227-1 Gladiators, 228-1 Gladiators, 229-1 Gladiators, 230-1 Gladiators, 231-1 Gladiators, 232-1 Gladiators, 233-1 Gladiators, 234-1 Gladiators, 235-1 Gladiators, 236-1 Gladiators, 237-1 Gladiators, 238-1 Gladiators, 239-1 Gladiators, 240-1 Gladiators, 241-1 Gladiators, 242-1 Gladiators, 243-1 Gladiators, 244-1 Gladiators, 245-1 Gladiators, 246-1 Gladiators, 247-1 Gladiators, 248-1 Gladiators, 249-1 Gladiators, 250-1 Gladiators, 251-1 Gladiators, 252-1 Gladiators, 253-1 Gladiators, 254-1 Gladiators, 255-1 Gladiators, 256-1 Gladiators, 257-1 Gladiators, 258-1 Gladiators, 259-1 Gladiators, 260-1 Gladiators, 261-1 Gladiators, 262-1 Gladiators, 263-1 Gladiators, 264-1 Gladiators, 265-1 Gladiators, 266-1 Gladiators, 267-1 Gladiators, 268-1 Gladiators,

Taylor will follow precedent and ignore Barnes



WHEN John Barnes is fully fit, which should be soon, Graham Taylor, the England manager, will face the same dilemma that confronted Sir Alf Ramsey in 1966: should he disrupt a winning team to make room for a brilliant player?

Ramsey knew the right answer, as history records. Taylor, I suspect, also knows the answer, and it will be no different. It is an answer almost as old as the game: a team playing as a team has room at most for only one wholly unrestricted individual.

The only way that Barnes can find back into the Eng-

land team will be through another regrettable injury to Paul Gascoigne, or a prolonged loss of form by both Gascoigne and those around him. The defeat of Turkey was not an exceptional performance. Gascoigne's apart, yet it was substantially a collective performance.

Football being so much a game of temperament and style, Taylor must cling to what was achieved on Wednesday night. What is invaluable is not that England played well, but that they believe, for the moment, that they are a good team. This can be half the battle. Belief in yourself is the game's oldest,



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and trust, cliché.

The difficulty for Ramsey in his selection for the World Cup final, in terms of public credibility, posed even more of a risk in the choice between Greaves, the mercurial individualist, and Hunt, the dependable, predictable workhorse. Barnes's goalscoring record not only falls well short of Greaves's, but is seriously disappointing: for nobody

more than Taylor, whose protege he was at Watford.

What England found against Turkey was an attacking framework with Ince and Palmer providing the rives. As Joao Saldanha, the former Brazil manager, used to say, every team needs somebody to carry the piano.

Stiles and Bell, then Bell and Mulroney, carried it for Bobby Charlton. Benetti and then Geno carried it for Antonioni, the free spirit of the Italian team between 1978 and 1982. No team can find room for a genius free of constricting responsibilities without others who fulfil essential disciplines.

It is for this reason, even with a solid line playing behind Gascoigne, that England are still limited by not utilising a sweeper. A back line of two markers plus sweeper would liberate an additional player for midfield. It is coincidental that a sweeper might have smothered Walker's early error that almost allowed Turkey to take the lead.

A sweeper — Batty? — would allow England to dispense playing with redundant full backs. Pearce and Dixon, who fundamentally are required much of the time to play as attacking midfield players. Taylor praised Dix-

on, but England would probably have prospered more with a player who possessed the technical gifts that Dixon lacks and who might have exploited repetitive instances of possession and inviting attacking spaces down the flank. There were choices available that Dixon did not see or sense.

It would be better, I believe, to have a genuine attacking player, such as Menor or Sinton, who could occasionally defend against a counter-attacking midfield opponent — all that was defensively required of Dixon — than a full back trying to be a winger. Taylor is aware of this.

Roxburgh remains optimistic

Portugal cup-tie looms as Scots' crucial encounter

BY RODDY FORSYTH

AS a coach who constantly ransacks match facts and figures in a search for revealing trends, Andy Roxburgh knows that Scotland's World Cup qualifying record so far offers unpromising statistics.

In previous years he has insisted that the key to qualifying for the finals of the World Cup or European championship is to beat opponents at home and draw with them away. By that reckoning, Scotland, after a defeat in Switzerland and goalless games against Portugal and Italy at Ibrox — the second of them on Wednesday — are three points adrift of the target.

Typically, though, Roxburgh yesterday was able to find nuggets of optimism in this unpromising seam.

Welsh dragon still breathing fire

BY KEITH PIKE

THE Welsh dragon was still breathing fire defiantly yesterday. Twelve hours after seeing his side outclassed by Belgium in their World Cup qualifying match in Brussels, Terry Yorath, the Wales manager, insisted that the team's supporters should not yet tear up their travel brochures for the United States.

"I am still optimistic," Yorath said. "Belgium are flying. We were playing the best team in group four away from home, but I would still give us a 50-50 chance of qualifying."

Belgium, with ten points from five games after their 2-0 victory in Anderlecht's Vanden Stock stadium, fully justified their status as top seeds with a quick-witted display of passing and movement which eventually bordered on the arrogant. Second best on the night, Wales can now only realistically aim for second place in the group, and to achieve that they would have to finish above Romania — who have already beaten them 5-1 — and Czechoslovakia.

It is a tall order, but Yorath says, not an impossible one because four of Wales's six remaining games are at home. To succeed, though, Yorath must find a way of giving his strike force of Rush, Saunders and Hughes — potentially one of the best in Europe — chances to score.

Bingham still hopeful in defeat

BY PETER ROBINSON

BILLY Bingham is as Irish as clover and therefore an incurable optimist. If the defeat by Denmark on a wild, wet Wednesday in Belfast would seem to leave Northern Ireland out of the race for the World Cup finals in 1994, Bingham, their manager, was having none of it yesterday. Losing to the European champions by a single goal

Nevertheless, four points from four home games in a disparate pool of seven teams does not bode well. Worse, Northern Ireland's next five matches are away from Belfast. When that tour is complete, we will know whether Bingham and his players can book their transatlantic tickets.

"I know it looks formidable, but don't write us off," Bingham said of those forthcoming fixtures.

Ian Brantfoot, the Southampton manager, watched the match and is believed to be

"Anybody who fails to beat Estonia and Malta will not qualify, so if we assume that we can do that, then our next critical fixture will come in April when we go to Portugal, because anything we can take from that would transform our chances," Roxburgh said.

Scotland's difficulty with this agenda is illustrated by their infertility in front of goal. After 270 minutes of football in group one, McColist's goal in Bernie is the only score.

If Scotland do not take a minimum of seven points from their next four fixtures — Malta at home and Portugal away followed by two meetings with Estonia — their campaign will effectively end by next June.

"It's the game against Switzerland which bothers me and continues to bother me," the Scotland coach said. "I am less than thrilled about what happened there, which has handicapped us. We were not wonderful against Portugal but our defence has been good just as it was against Italy, and on Wednesday we began to run up several scoring chances. I am not worried about our failure to score because I think that will resolve itself over the course."

Durrant's restoration to midfield was a significant factor in Scotland's ability to carry the game to an Italian side which contained seven AC Milan players by the final whistle, while the youthful McLaren was immense in shackling Baggio. Baggio cracked a rib during the match and will be sidelined for a month.

Scotland's chances of qualifying are frail, although they could be back in the frame by the time they have played Estonia home and away. It would help Scotland's cause if Switzerland live up to their early promise and beat Italy and Portugal.

GROUP FOUR TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Romania	5	4	0	1	9	5	10
Malta	4	2	1	1	13	7	4
Portugal	4	2	0	2	8	7	4
Cyprus	3	1	0	2	5	9	3
Denmark	3	0	1	2	5	9	3
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Portugal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Malta	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cyprus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Denmark	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Estonia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Switzerland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Scotland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Portugal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cyprus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Denmark	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stiles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

REMAINING FIXTURES

Feb 14: Cyprus v Romania.

Feb 15: Cyprus v Czechoslovakia.

Feb 16: Malta v Portugal.

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THE TIMES FRIDAY NOVEMBER 20 1992

BBC1

6.00 *Ceefax* (57402) 6.30 *Breakfast News* (9896575)
 9.05 *Kilroy*. A topical discussion with Robert Kilroy-Silk (2213291).
 9.45 *Rosa King*. Andi Peters launches *Children In Need* on this morning's game show (s) (5861933).
 10.00 *News, regional news and weather* (750440) 10.05 *Playdays*. For the very young (r) (5860494).
 10.30 *Good Morning*... with Anne and Nick. Anne Diamond and Nick Owen present a leisure guide, a romantic story and shopping advice, including 11.00, 12.00 *News, regional news and weather* (42901440). 12.15 *Pebble Mill*. Judi Spiers introduces the Pudsey Olympics as part of *Children In Need* (s) (9000493) 12.55 *Regional news and weather* (7813078).
 1.00 *One O'Clock News* with Philip Hayton. (Ceefax) Weather (567783)
 1.30 *Neighbours*. (Ceefax) (s) (4222123).
 1.50 *El Dorado*. Fun in the sun (r) (Ceefax) (s) (73965136).
 2.20 *Going for Gold*. The European quiz (s) (2024914).
 2.45 *The Flying Doctors*. Rising Sun. Drama series set in the Australian outback. Two Japanese businessmen want to buy the property in Coopers Crossing (8580555).
 3.30 *Cartoon Double Bill* (4520223).
 3.45 *Children's BBC*. *Bump* (r) (1441329) 3.50 *Christopher Crocodile*. Cartoon adventures (2026525) 3.55 *Superbods*. Series exploring the human body (4505730) 4.35 *Takko Two*. Superhero reports on music on the radio (8429204) 5.00 *Newsworld* (2207575) 5.05 *Byker Grove*. Children's drama series. (Ceefax) (8614885).
 5.35 *Neighbours* (r). (Ceefax) (s). Northern Ireland: *Inside Ulster* (152020).
 6.00 *Six O'Clock News* with Peter Sissons and Molra Stuan. (Ceefax) Weather (22223).
 6.30 *Regional news magazines*. Northern Ireland: *Neighbours* (r). (Ceefax) (s) (576).



Fundraising: Sue Cook, Andi Peters, Terry Wogan (7.00pm)

7.00-8.00 *Children In Need*. Terry Wogan and Sue Cook host this year's appeal. The pop group Right Said Fred and Bananarama are among the celebrities who will be asking viewers to raise money for BBC Children in Need and disadvantaged children (785333).
 7.15 *Custard Pie Shoot-Out*. Peter Simon and Sharene Riche referee a Pudsey Olympics event. Maxine, former Blue Peter presenters John Noakes, Peter Purves and Valerie Singleton join John Leslie in *Search of Bill and Ben* (173488).
 7.30 *Regional Children In Need Update*. News of fund-raising activities around the country (694681).
 7.40 *The Children In Need Flame*. After two weeks and 750 miles, Linford Christie and Steve Cram hand over the *Children In Need Flame* to Terry Wogan (785758).
 8.00 *Grab a Grand*. Frank Bruno referees as Noel Edmunds tries to "grab a grand". The pop group Right Said Fred extends an invitation to lunch (1001).
 8.30 *Long-Distance Karaoke*. Bobby Davro hosts a karaoke contest between impersonators from Wales and Northern Ireland (9376).
 9.00 *Nine O'Clock News* with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) *Regional news and weather* (8136).
 9.30-10.00 *Children In Need*. In the final part of tonight's fund-raising marathon, *Birds of a Feather* stars Pauline Quirk, Linda Robson and Lesley Joseph add a touch of burlesque glamour, the cast of *Casually* presents a musical interlude, and Jeff Banks hosts a *Children In Need Clothes Show*. Including at 9.35-10.35 *Esther Rantzen and Gavin Campbell honour children of courage and achievement* (7830594).
 11.35 *Regional Children In Need Update*. *Regional round-up* (884136).
 12.00 *Cabaret Time*. Terry Wogan and Sue Cook introduce two hours of entertainment with the casts of West End shows *Amie Get Your Gun* and *Five Guys Named Moe*, rock star Robert Palmer, Beverley Craven and Tony Slattery. Bob Holness hosts the final of the Pudsey Olympics (322358).
 1.15 *Regional Children In Need Programmes*. The latest progress (93805) 1.45 *Highlights*. Memorable moments (4109150).
 1.55 *Grand Total*. The money donated so far (8318570) 2.00 *Weather*

BBC2

8.00 *Broadcast News* (4321117) 8.15 *Westminster* (6675372).
 9.00 *Daytime on Two*: Educational programmes (23610730).
 2.15 *Sport on Friday*, presented by Helen Rolleson. Racing from Ascot: 2.40 *Racecall Ascot Hurdle Race*; 3.10 *Hunt Park Novices' Steeplechase*; 3.40 *Uion Gate Handicap Hurdle Race*. Netball England v New Zealand in the last of a three-match series. Football: a review of the World Cup qualifying matches for the British teams. Rugby Union: a preview of tomorrow's match between Wales and Australia (838310). Including at 3.00 *News and weather*, 3.50 *News, regional news and weather* (1420846).
 4.00 *Catchword*. Paul Cola holds the word game (s) (468).
 4.30 *Behind the Headlines*. Shyama Peters reviews the week's stories on the media and the arts (372).
 5.00 *Delta Smith's Christmas*. In the first of a six-part guide to Yuletide fare Delta prepares festive puddings (r). (Ceefax) (5939).
 5.20 *Top Gear*. Chris Goffey test drives new diesel cars (r) (s) (952).
 6.25 *The Man from UNCLE*. Juliet Mills appears in tonight's episode of the 1960s spy romp. Starring Robert Vaughn (r) (604559).
 7.15 *Or Who*. *The Thirties*. The first of a five-part story from 1971, recently restored to colour. Starring Jon Pertwee (r) (s) (602488).
 7.40 *What the Papers Say*, presented by Alistair Campbell of the *Daily Mail* (606001).
 8.00 *Public Eye*: *Tug of Love*. Niall Dickson reports on children who are snatched from their homes and taken abroad (9543).
 8.30 *The Living Garden*. Starting off. Geoff Hamilton presents the first of five programmes on how plants grow. (Ceefax) (6778).



Following in Carter's tracks: Christopher Frayling (9.00pm)

9.00 *The Face of Tutanhamun: The Great Adventure*.
 CHOICE: Christopher Frayling presents a five-part series pegged to the seventeenth anniversary of the discovery of Tutanhamun's tomb by Howard Carter. Tonight's programme is a profile of Carter up to that point. Archive film and extracts from Carter's notebooks tell the story of a weak and sickly child, the youngest of 11 children, who was brought up by spinster aunts and had little education. He first went to Egypt at 17, more than 40 years before his famous find. Frayling is a fluent and lucid guide who braves placing veracity rather than readability at Carter's 100th steps, though one is a lack of maps to show where Carter worked. The other is historical background on ancient Egypt, but perhaps that will come as the series progresses (616881).
 9.30 *Stiehr: Wendy's Odyssey*. The first in a six-part series in which Sister Wendy Beckett, hermit for more than 20 years, travels around Britain in search of art treasures. (Ceefax) (272339).
 10.00 *Have I Got News for You*. Angus Deayton presides over the satirical news quiz. Ian Hislop and Paul Merton are joined by Sandi Toksvig and Nick Hancock (s) (593933).
 10.30 *Film: Breakfast with Sue Cameron* (655391) 11.15 *Weather* (923812).
 11.00 *Film: Breathless* (1959, b/w).
 CHOICE: Jean-Luc Godard's first feature is both a homage to the Hollywood B thriller and a dazzling technical exercise by a young film-maker determined to blow the cobwebs off what he saw as a staid and ossified French cinema. The freshness that still pervades the film after more than 30 years derives from the fluid hand-held camera work, the use of natural locations and the semi-improvised dialogue. The narrative style, too, departs from the classical model with a mixture of long takes and sudden cuts, which annihilate time. Jean Paul Belmondo plays a small-time gangster who shoots a policeman and goes on the run, with Jean Seberg as his American girlfriend. The plot, by Godard and Francoise Truffaut, is pure pastiche. What matters is the style and the energy and enthusiasm for cinema (304256).
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Taylor recognises the important influence of Lazio's midfield maestro

England need Gascoigne's genius

BY STUART JONES
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

IF PAUL Gascoigne's performance in the 4-0 win over Turkey on Wednesday is anything to go by, the speed and comfort of England's journey towards the next World Cup finals will be conditional on his availability.

As long as he is in a side specifically designed to promote his talent, England could travel first-class to their intended destination — the United States — in 1994.

If Gascoigne is temporarily indisposed, the progress promises to falter. Should his absence be prolonged, an essentially second-class outfit would be unlikely to maintain sufficient impetus, on route pockmarked with too many dangerous pitfalls, to emerge as one of the two nations to qualify from group two.

Gascoigne has acted as a catalyst, transforming England from the negative to the positive. Without him last summer, a confused bunch of moderate representatives finished seventh in the European championship.

With him at Wembley on Wednesday, a compact and purposeful unit achieved their biggest win for 3½ years.

That was also at home in a World Cup qualifying tie and, by coincidence, it was then that Gascoigne made his initial impact. Introduced as a substitute a month short of his 22nd birthday, he scored his first international goal in the 5-0 victory over Albania.

In those days, before he wrecked his right knee and almost his career, he was

being groomed by Bobby Robson for one of the two central midfield roles. The other was eventually filled by David Platt in a formation that reached the semi-finals of the World Cup.

Graham Taylor, the England manager, revealed yesterday that he was never convinced that the partnership was ideal. He felt Gascoigne should be released from defensive duties and allowed to operate in a free role behind the front two.

Since Gascoigne ruined the theory before it could be put into practice, the experiment was carried out instead with the only other Englishman capable of acting the part, John Barnes. Although it worked instantly and convincingly, against Argentina in May last year, he was also subsequently badly injured.

The plan had to be dropped and, as Taylor searched vainly for an adequate alternative, England lost their shape, their way and their stature. Hence, the national manager was prepared to take the risk of recalling Gascoigne ahead of schedule for the opening qualifying tie against Norway last month.

The restoration process started in the nick of time. Instead of falling out of contention, England have climbed into second place in their group and, for the first time in 18 months, are giving the impression they know what they are doing and where they are going.

They are not a one-man band and Gascoigne, to his credit, recognised as much when he refused to accept his award as the man of the match



Hand signals: Taylor indicates England's winning margin over Turkey at Wembley on Wednesday

on Wednesday. Nevertheless, his reappearance has lifted the morale of the squad, focused the minds of the team and cemented the collective sense of purpose.

Dixon and Pearce, victims of justifiable criticism earlier this season, were inspired full backs against Turkey. Even Walker was prompted to indulge in unprecedented raids into the opposition territory and he was responsible for fashioning Gascoigne's second goal.

"There was a nice, warm feeling in the dressing-room," Taylor said. "Everyone was so pleased with his own contribution and with the overall team performance that, for the first time, I felt like a club manager

again. Pity we can't play another game next week."

The camaraderie has been created principally by the two jesters, Gascoigne and Palmer, with their infectious sense of fun and Taylor intimated that he is reluctant to break up the party. The prospect is unlikely to amuse Batty, who lost his place through injury to Palmer.

What happens, though, if Gascoigne is unavailable?

Barnes, who is soon expected to return with Liverpool, remains a possible option but there can be no guarantee he will recover fully from a ruptured Achilles tendon.

"We might have to bring in a wide player," Taylor mused. "For two years, we've been

trying to eke out results without Gascoigne. You find yourself saying: 'Please God, don't let anything go wrong with him.'

□ Ford, the motor company, which was rejected as a potential sponsor of the Premier League, has become part of a £1.2 million support package for ITV's European Cup coverage.

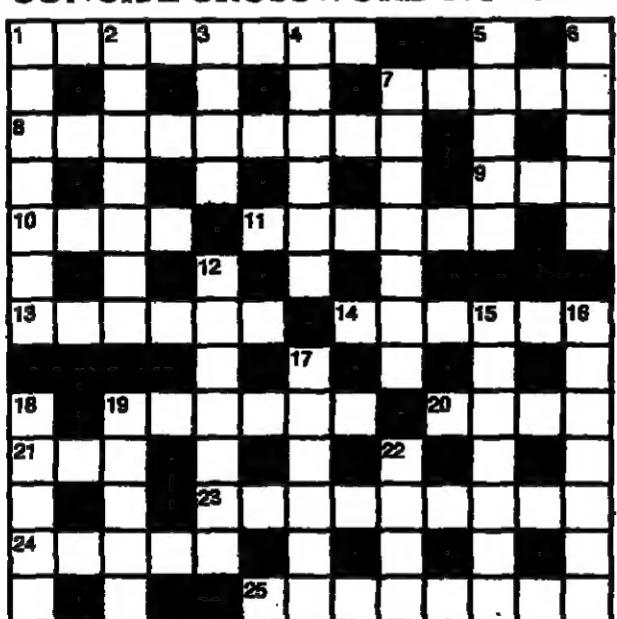
Mars, Philips and Nike have also signed a deal that will see the television company recoup almost a third of the £4 million they have paid Uefa for the right to show Rangers

live.

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WEEKEND CROSSWORD
By RAYMOND KNEENE, Chess Correspondent:

This position is a possible variation from the game Fischer - Spassky, Belgrade (Game 21) 1992. To have a rook placed behind a passed pawn, as white does here, is a huge plus in the endgame. What is white's most clear-cut route to victory?

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By PHILIP HOWARD

UXORIOUS

- a. Ox-like
- b. Doting on a wife
- c. From beyond the Urals
- ANDROPHOBIC
- a. Hating men
- b. A scarecrow
- c. The Mediterranean hornet

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HEBDOMAD

- a. Half mad
- b. The dromedary's hump
- c. A week
- LUCUBRATION
- a. Pedantic and laboured writing
- b. Celebratory rations
- c. Rearing wolf cubs

Answers on page 40

Ireland earn respect of Spanish

BY PETER HALL

IRELAND'S goalless draw in Seville on Wednesday ensures that they will go into the new year leading their World Cup qualifying group. By revealing the paucity of a main rival, it also confirmed their position as group three favourites.

"They are in the strongest position now," Burragaño, the Spain forward, said yesterday. Denmark's win over Northern Ireland in Belfast on Wednesday night leaves the Spanish already behind in the race.

Swedes keep Wilkinson waiting

LEEDS United's attempt to sign two of Sweden's most talented defenders could end in failure (Ian Ross writes).

Howard Wilkinson, the Leeds manager, had hoped to complete the transfers of Joachim Bjorklund and Patrik Andersson, both 21, for a combined fee of £1.1 million.

But Andersson is unhappy about financial aspects of the contract offered to him. "If Leeds pay peanuts, all they'll get is monkeys," he said. His reluctance to commit himself may influence the decision of Bjorklund, a close friend.

It is believed to involve a signing-on fee due to Gary Chapman, who moved from Notts County for £15,000 nearly 15 months ago.

Mick Quinn, one of nine Newcastle United players placed on the transfer list this week, has joined Coventry City on loan. Bobby Gould, the Coventry manager, has talked with his Newcastle counterpart, Kevin Keegan, about the possibility of making the move permanent.

Neil Webb's return to Nottingham Forest should be completed tomorrow. The Manchester United midfield player had asked for time to reconsider the £800,000 deal but he is now expected to agree to it.

The recalled veterans were substituted before the end. But the real Spanish failure came in midfield, which was dominated by Roy Keane, whose performance is expected to add Real Madrid to the list of clubs monitoring his progress.

For all Ireland's dominance, once again they failed to score. That owed something to a manager's decision to rule out Aldridge's late strike, but with Ireland's failure to qualify for the 1992 European championship still fresh in his memory, it is something to concern Charlton as he awaits Northern Ireland's visit to Dublin for the next group match in March. He is trying to organise a game possibly with Germany, in February.

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Crowe says he was ordered to carry on



Crowe: reluctant

Auckland: Martin Crowe, the New Zealand cricket captain, made it clear yesterday that he had been directed against his wishes to continue his country's tour of Sri Lanka.

On Monday a bomb exploded and killed five people outside the Colombo hotel where the New Zealand team was staying. Initially the tour was called off when a vote revealed that the party was evenly split between those wanting to stay and those wanting to go. The decision was reversed after Peter McDermott, the New Zealand Cricket chairman, flew to Sri Lanka, although the coach and five players returned home. Four replacements leave here today.

Tomorrows in The Times: the full first-class cricket fixtures for next season

Crowe, who was visibly upset, told the TV3 network yesterday that he would rather go home. He said no further vote had been taken among the party since McDermott arrived.

Asked if he had been directed to continue, he replied: "that's right." Asked if the departing players had been important, he replied: "Absolutely, they're vital players. The replacements will come over and do their best but if they were good enough then they would have been here in the

Tiriac says all tennis is not recession-proof

FROM ANDREW LONGMORE, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT
IN FRANKFURT

JUDGING by the stream of dollars being poured down the throats of multi-millionaires here yesterday tennis has yet to be pounced by the worldwide recession. In the morning came the announcement that the prize-money for the indoor tournament in Stuttgart, part of February's ATP, has been increased to a staggering \$2.25 million, the highest of any event on the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) tour.

A few hours later, Mark Miles, the chief executive of the ATP, confirmed that the 37 events on the 1993 tour would have total prize-money of \$55.6 million, an increase of 13 per cent. "We are experiencing solid growth, despite the recession," Miles said.

Just how solid that growth is depends on who you listen to. Not all of the 37 tournaments on next year's calendar are financially sound and for Tiriac, for one, feels many will find it hard to attract sponsorship in the future. "The solid tournaments will get bigger," he said. "But many others will disappear. The recession hurts very much right now. It could get very ugly."

Not that Tiriac, who reportedly turned down a chance to become prime minister of his native Romania last month, is squealing with pain. While Boris Becker and Steffi Graf are still in the public eye, Germany remains a buoyant market and Tiriac has taken advantage of a strong sponsor and the support of the two players in marriage, Boris Becker and Goran Ivanisevic, to give the tail of the ATP an embarrassing twerk.

Having provided a televised package of nine events for 1993, each worth an average of \$1.7 million, the ATP has had its own efforts derailed by Tiriac, whose ATP tournament in Stuttgart offered more money and therefore more ranking points — the winner could earn 450 points — than any of the nine Super Series events. Much to the disgust of the International Management Group, which markets the television rights to the tour, Tiriac has also retained the rights to sell his own event outside Germany.

There are too many rules to the tour," Tiriac said. "For all Ireland's dominance, once again they failed to score. That owed something to a manager's decision to rule out Aldridge's late strike, but with Ireland's failure to qualify for the 1992 European championship still fresh in his memory, it is something to concern Charlton as he awaits Northern Ireland's visit to Dublin for the next group match in March. He is trying to organise a game possibly with Germany, in February.

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